

COTTON'S ANSWER, SWEEPING DENIAL

**General Counsel for O. R. & N.
Says Distributive Rates
Are Just.**

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

Files Statement Controverting Allegations Made in Suit Begun by Chamber of Commerce on Behalf of the Jobbers.

W. W. Cotton, general counsel for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, filed an answer yesterday to the suit begun before the State Railroad Commission by the Chamber of Commerce against the road to secure lower distributive rates out of Portland. The answer is a general denial of the allegations of the complaint. The Chamber of Commerce, through its attorneys, Teal & Minor, contends that the present distributive rates are too high, and are unreasonable. Mr. Cotton sets up in his answer that the rates now charged are just and reasonable, and are less, in fact, than the fair value of such service.

The complaint charges that the earnings of the road are such as to justify a big reduction in rates on all merchandise to the territory served by Portland jobbers. The answer denies that the Chamber of Commerce is entitled to a special rate, and says that the earnings of the road are such as to justify a big reduction in rates on all merchandise to the territory served by Portland jobbers. The answer denies that the Chamber of Commerce is entitled to a special rate, and says that the earnings of the road are such as to justify a big reduction in rates on all merchandise to the territory served by Portland jobbers.

Beyond admitting that the defendant is conducting the business of a common carrier, and that the capital stock and surplus are owned by the O. R. & N., Mr. Cotton's answer is practically a general and sweeping denial of the Chamber of Commerce's charges. He denies that the O. R. & N. is the owner of the Columbia Southern Railway, or the road from Arlington to Condon, or any other road in the state.

COTTON'S DENIAL SWEEPING.

Denials follow each other in rapid succession throughout the answer. Each paragraph of the complaint is taken up and summarily disposed of by Mr. Cotton by asserting that it is untrue. He concludes by asking that the complaint be dismissed.

The suit, which was brought by the Chamber of Commerce July 30 last, is the most important action brought before the commission since its origin, less than a year ago.

It is charged in the complaint that the rates between Portland and various inland points removed from waterways while water transport is a factor, are very much higher than rates on the same classes of freight westbound from the Eastern jobbing centers. In support of this claim, the complaint sets up the Chamber of Commerce, Attorneys Teal & Minor filed a synopsis of the annual report of the business of the Chamber of Commerce for the past year, showing the great traffic of the year on the Union Pacific system, which includes the O. R. & N. A net gain of over 17 per cent for the union Pacific common stock is shown in this report.

It is the expressed opinion of the Chamber of Commerce that as the traffic of the road has increased, it should, from time to time, make reductions in freight charges.

The complaint, after charging that the present rates are unjust, says:

"By reason of the premises, defendant has been and is obtaining from the shippers, merchants and manufacturers of the said city of Portland and of other points and places in the State of Oregon, as well as from the producers and consumers generally within said state, to the payment of excessive, unjust, unreasonable and unlawful rates for transportation of merchandise and to their great loss and damage."

It is proposed by the complainant that the books of the O. R. & N. be investigated by the Railroad Commission to show the relation of cost of handling the traffic in question to the rates charged for that service. Alleviating a great increase in profits, the complainant desires:

"Notwithstanding the great increase in surplus and the decreased cost of operation, the charges exacted for the transportation of merchandise and consumers generally on all kinds under the distributive rates in effect from the city of Portland to points and places within the State of Oregon have risen but slightly reduced and have remained substantially the same for a number of years past, and said defendant has long maintained and does now maintain a scale of charges calculated to return an unreasonable, exorbitant and unjust profit upon the capital actually invested in said defendant's lines of railway and other properties."

The case will be heard before the Railroad Commission, probably in November, after the Commission returns from the East. He will leave October 1 for Washington, D. C.

IN THE DAYS OF '61 Battle at Camp Jackson is Recalled

By Rev. C. E. Cline.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 18.—(To the Editor.)—The writer yesterday for the first time in 46 years visited the old St. Louis arsenal in the south part of St. Louis. In May, 1861, a detail was made from Company "D," Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, then stationed in Alton, of which the undersigned was one, to guard the bridge of the old Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad over Long Lake, opposite St. Louis, on which troops were being carried to reinforce Captain Lyon, then in charge of the arsenal. Confederates were known to be organized and camp in Lindell's Grove, between Olive Street and Locust Avenue, at one end of the town.

The object in placing a guard over this bridge was to prevent its destruction by Southern sympathizers, who were thicker in St. Louis than the hair on a dog.

Captain Lyon, a brave and loyal man, made the attack on this camp, known as Camp Jackson, in command of General D. M. Frost, May 10, 1861, at 2:15 P. M. Aside from the mob attacking the Massachusetts regiment in passing through Baltimore, this was the first "scrap" of the Civil War. Frost and men, though blowing long and loud, surrendered without serious resistance, the entire command consisting of 700

OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN BEING MARCHED THROUGH THE CITY TO THE ARSENAL, amid the greatest excitement. They were placed in the old guardhouse in the arsenal, which remains as it was, to this day. Never had its grim walls witnessed such "cussin' and kickin'"; though it was afterwards filled many times over with the same kind of guests.

Next day Frost and his men were released on parole. On the march from Camp Jackson through St. Louis a mob fired on the soldiers, killing two of them. The fire was returned by the troops, in which ten of the mob were killed.

With the rebel camp were captured three 32-pounder cannon, three mortars, an immense supply of shot and shell, the latter concealed in old ale barrels, six field cannon, 1200 stand of muskets, 25 kegs of powder, chests filled with muskets and 40 cavalry horses. All, save the latter, was taken by stealth from the Government of the United States. Only "Lion," raised in Littlefield, Ill., of only Lieutenant E. Smithworth, "Jim" O'Brien, and the writer are now here.

A magnificent statue of red granite, square, and 30 feet high, now stands in the lovely park, in front of the arsenal, the west face holding in bronze relief the face of the immortal Lyon, with the simple inscription underneath: "Lyon, August 10, 1861," the date of his death in the battle of Wilson Creek.

VESSEL HAS RECORD

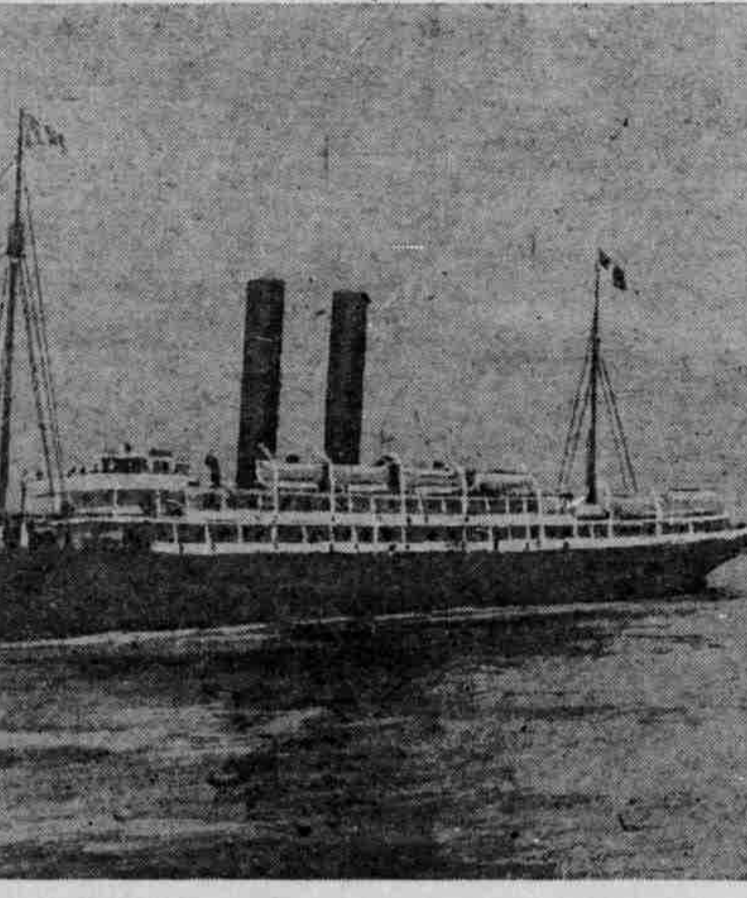
Indiana Reaches Port From British Columbia.

BROUGHT IN SOME COOLIES

Steamer Is Under Charter to Take General Cargo to San Francisco From This Port—Can Light From Nanaimo.

The American steamship Indiana, from Nanaimo with bunker coal and under charter to the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company to transport general cargo from Portland to the Bay City, arrived in yesterday.

SISTER STEAMER TO THE PRESIDENT REACHES SAN FRANCISCO



NEW STEAMSHIP GOVERNOR.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The new steamship Governor, built at Camden, N. J., for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, arrived here today. She is a sister ship to the President, with the exception of a slight difference in her machinery. The Governor sailed from Camden on August 7, and had a pleasant voyage. She will be placed in the regular service between this city and Seattle and during the busy season will be transferred to the Alaska route.

One who took a hand in those early scenes might pardon the weakness of the Indiana, and the head, in the presence of this monument.

C. E. CLINE.

CAP AND GOWN CAUSE ROW

SENIORS AT PACIFIC DISRUPTED OVER QUESTION.

One Faction Wants to Abolish Custom and Another, Upheld by Faculty, Desires Scholastic Garb.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY. FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The question of cap and gown is threatening to disrupt the senior class. Following the time-honored custom of this university one faction of the class, together with certain members of the faculty, holds that it would not do for the class to be graduated without appearing in scholastic garb. These say that the robes lend dignity to the commencement season and that a long established custom should not lightly be thrown aside.

There is another faction that maintains the custom is undemocratic and should be discarded. They say that it is needless folly and expense, and that it is time the university broke away from it. This latter faction has obtained many supporters among the undergraduate body, and the outcome of the fight is awaited with interest.

The question caused a stormy time at the meeting for the organization of the senior class, which was held behind closed doors. The discussion grew so hot that order was maintained with difficulty. It was not settled, however, and still hangs fire to come up again at a future meeting. At the meeting Sunday the class was organized and the following officers elected: President, Herbert Hayes Arnston; to succeed S. B. Lawrence; vice-president, Esther E. Shurman; secretary, Gordon Clapp; treasurer, D. I. Allen; sergeant-at-arms, S. B. Lawrence; class poet, Frances Clapp.

The senior class has filled a prominent place in the life of the university, both athletic and socially, and is the largest in the history of the school. This was the class that gave the successful presentation of the play "The Bridge of the Gods" at the High Theater in Portland last spring. The class also holds the Mills Cup, a trophy won on field day in a track athletic contest.

FOR EMPLOYED MEN.

The industrial population of Portland is well represented among the men and boys who are registering this week in the Y. M. C. A. night school. The fifty different subjects offered, including languages, English grammar, grade, literature, school for foreign men, commercial and stenographic courses, college preparatory, laboratory, technical shop and industrial classes, are all planned to be of practical value and give men experience in useful vocations.

The registration is unusually large, and young men who can spare an evening or two each week would do well to look into this opportunity.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES.

Extra special values today in household supplies—table linens, towels, napkins, lace curtains, wool and cotton blankets, curtain swisses, comforters, bedspreads, pillows, etc., etc. Our prices are positively the lowest in the city. Come today, McAleer & McDonnell, 108 1/2 Commercial street, where the best goods at low prices.

ON BEHALF OF THE MISSION.

The ship was represented by Captain William Laner, P. Owens, chief officer; D. McDermid, third officer; W. S. Cummings, chief engineer; K. Chisholm, second engineer; boatswain, Hou Yung; No. 1 fireman, Ah You; F. S. McCullough, emigration officer; Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. Heide also attended.

CONCERT AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The regular weekly concert at the Seamen's Institute, 100 North Front street, will be given this evening at 8 o'clock under the direction of Miss Eugenia Craig. Following is the programme:

Piano solo, Miss Ethel Barkdale; vocal solo, R. Adams; vocal solo, Miss May Beal; song, Lee A. Daniels, British steamship Barkstone; reading, Miss Annie O'Brien; selections on the phonograph by Thomas Ryan, second officer steamship Barkstone; vocal solo, R. Adams; song, L. Leclerc, ship Victoria; song, P. Robin; vocal solo, Miss Patience Connolly; song, W. Hayward; song, C. Heusch; German ship Stan and shipmaster; reading, Miss Eugenia Craig; musical, British, French, German anthems. Accompanied, Miss Hildegard Plummer.

CONSUL WILL PRESENT FLAG.

A meeting will be held at the Seamen's Institute, 100 North Front street, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, to welcome Norwegian Consul Endre M. Cederberg, who will present a Norwegian flag which has been sent as a present to the

DAIGNONAR FINISHES GRAIN CARGO.

The British ship Daignonar finished loading yesterday and moved to the steamer pier, where she will be cleared for the Orient and will clear as soon as she finishes her accounts and secures sailors. The Daignonar has on board about 4000 tons and will proceed to the Continent for orders. The Daignonar is the third grain ship to finish for the month. The St. Louis completed cargo Monday and moved to the steamer pier. Her draft has cleared but both will get away by the middle of the week.

TYMERIC ARRIVES WITH COAL.

The British steamship TymERIC, from Newcastle, N. S. W., reached Portland harbor last night. The TymERIC had on board about 5000 tons of coal consigned to Hind, Rofth & Co. She is under charter to the Frank Waterhouse Company for outward loading of wheat and flour to the Orient. The TymERIC made a slow passage from Australia. She encountered several severe blows on the way across, which impeded her progress.

COLUMBINE IN THE HARBOR.

The United States Engineers' boat, the Columbine, Captain Richardson, arrived yesterday at the Coast-street dock, moored at Couch-street dock. The Columbine is here for supplies and equipment for the lighthouses in Southeastern Alaska.

CASCADE CLEARS AT ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The steamer Cascade cleared today for the Customs today for San Pedro with a cargo of 530,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Tongue Point Lumber Company's plant.

WASP ARRIVES AT ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The steam schooner Wasp arrived today from San Francisco via Seattle, and will be loaded 500 cords of tanbark for Portland.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamship Roanoke, from San Pedro and way ports, arrived at an early hour yesterday morning. She brought a full passenger list and made the run up the coast in record time.

The steamship Indiana, from Nanaimo, arrived in yesterday. She will load general cargo for San Francisco.

The barkentine Wrestler, in lumber from Astoria for San Francisco, sailed yesterday afternoon.

The schooner Oliver Olson sailed from Rainier for San Francisco yesterday with a full cargo of lumber.

The steamship City of Panama is due to arrive from San Francisco at an early hour this morning.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—Arrived—Steamship Roanoke, from San Pedro and way ports; steamship Indiana, from Nanaimo; British steamship TymERIC, from Newcastle, N. S. W.; schooner Wasp, from San Francisco for Kalamo. Sailed—Schooner Oliver Olson, from Rainier for San Francisco. Astoria, Sept. 24.—Condition of weather at 5 P. M., moderate; wind south, 16 miles; sea, choppy. Arrived—Schooner Redwood, from Seattle. Sailed at 7:45 A. M.—Schooner Young, for Tillamook. Sailed at 9:10 A. M. and left up at 1:30 P. M.—Schooner Irene, from San Francisco. Arrived at 11:30 A. M.—Sailed—Steamer Casco, from San Francisco, via Fort Stevens, at 11:30 A. M. and left up at 3:35 P. M.—Steamer City of Panama, from San Francisco. Left up at 10:15 A. M.—British steamer TymERIC, from Newcastle, N. S. W. Sailed at 10:30 A. M.—Schooner Oliver J. Olsen, from Rainier, for Seattle. Sailed at 10:45 A. M.—Steamer Atlas, from San Francisco. Sailed at 2:45 P. M.—British bark Conway, to Seattle. Arrived at 2:45 P. M.—Sailed—Steamer Bee and R. D. Imman, from Portland. Arrived last night—Steamer Costa Rica, from Portland. Arrived—Steamer La Costa, from New York. Arrived—Steamer Zealand, from New York.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)

Breaking a window with a butcher's cleaver, a burglar gained entrance yesterday to the home of Charles W. Funk, an aged carpenter, and stole his savings of several years amounting to \$500 in \$10 and \$20 gold pieces which he had secreted in a baking powder can and hidden behind the bath tub. The house was ransacked and a watch and other articles of value were stolen. The burglar, however, overlooked gold nuggets worth about \$100 also secreted in a baking powder can.

Through the failure of a bank in 1902 Funk lost his entire savings of \$100. Since that time he has had no faith in

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BURGLAR STEALS HORDE

Man Who Does Not Believe in Banks Has Savings Stolen.

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Did you ever stop to consider the fact that you are not as good a man as you are used to be? Physically, mentally and otherwise? Do you know why? Failing power, loss of vitality and drains are the most frequent causes. We can cure them on you in a very vital force itself. Go to a specialist who cures these ailments quickly and surely. Come to us.

SEEK HELP WHERE IT IS CERTAIN TO BE FOUND.

This institution has built up its splendid practice more by the recommendations given to its PERFECTLY SATISFIED PATIENTS who have received the benefit of its modern, scientific and legitimate methods, than in any other way. If you are not a perfect man—come to us. Isn't it worth the little time you lose by NOT seeing DR. TAYLOR that you will have the benefit of HONEST, SINCERE physicians. A consultation costs you nothing EXCEPT your own time.

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WE CURE WEAKNESS

This is to men who lack courage, whose nerves are shaky, whose eyes have lost the sparkle, whose brains are muddled, ideas confused, sleep restless, confidence gone, spirits low and easily depressed, who are backward, hesitating, unable to venture upon things they are afraid of, failure, who want somebody to decide for them, who are weak, run down and restless. It is to men who have part or all of these symptoms and want new life, new energy. We especially solicit those cases in which many so-called treatments have failed, or where the money has been wasted on other methods of treatment. Don't experiment when our direct method offers a certain cure by local treatment.

WE CURE VARICOCELE

Varicocele causes congestion of the blood in some of the most vital blood vessels of man. It causes a dull, heavy, distressing feeling, which is often mistaken for nervous debility or general decline. Varicocele results from partial paralysis of the delicate nerve fibers control local circulation of the blood. The muscular coating of the veins is deprived of nervous control and become inactive, weakens and relaxes. The blood vessels, under the pressure of the pressure within, the circulation becomes sluggish and clots form in little nooks and pockets that constantly enlarge as the relaxation continues.

In many complicated cases where others have failed. Our offices are well appointed and equipped with the most modern appliances and the latest inventions essential for the proper and up-to-date treatment of all cases.

You may consult us privately in confidence. You will be examined in a thoroughly scientific manner and our diagnosis and advice will be cheerfully given to you absolutely free of charge. After this if you desire to be treated we will cure you and make you well and strong as you ought to be.

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MRS. SADIE ABBOTT **MRS. PREE MCKITTRICK**

Women for the most part spend their lives at home, and it is these women who are willing and ambitious that their homes shall be kept neat and pretty, their children well dressed and tidy, who do their own cooking, sweeping, dusting and often washing, ironing and sewing for the entire family, who call for our sympathy.

Truly the work of such a woman is "never done" and it is any wonder that she breaks down at the end of a few years, the back begins to ache, there is a displacement, inflammation or ulceration of the abdominal organs, a female weakness is brought on, and the struggle of that wife and mother to continue her duties is pitiful.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, is the exact medicine a woman needs whose strength is over-taxed. It keeps the feminine organs in a strong and healthy condition. In preparing for childbirth and recuperating therefrom it is most efficient. It carries a woman safely through the change of life and in making her strong and well she saves her a good wife and mother.

Mrs. Sadie Abbott, of Jeannette, Pa., writes:

Dear Mr. Pinkham:

"I suffered severely with pain every month and also a pain in my left side. My doctor prescribed for me but did me no good; a friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I followed your advice and am a perfectly well woman. The pains have all disappeared and I cannot recommend your medicine too highly."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds Where Others Fail.

Women should remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound holds the record for the greatest number of actual cures of female ills. Every suffering woman in the United States is asked to accept the following invitation. It is free, will bring you health and may save your life.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. From the symptoms given, the trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised. Out of her vast volume of experience in treating female ills Mrs. Pinkham probably has the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is free and always helpful.

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Imman, from Astoria; steamer Mayfair, from Willapa; steamer Harold Dollar, from Port Townsend; schooner, from Tillamook; steamer Dispatch, from Aberdeen; barge Comona, from Port Townsend; bark Praeco, from Seattle.

Harbor Booster Gives Up Work.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—W. L. Crissey, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce the past year, has resigned. Mr. Crissey came here from the Commercial Club, of Portland, and his salary was fixed at \$200, by far the largest salary ever paid for such work here, and Mr. Crissey was expected to boost the Harbor country. His work has been so satisfactory that his resignation is received with a great deal of regret. His health is given as the reason for his giving up the work. He will go to Oregon for a long rest.

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There is no magic or mystery about my treatment—Just hard conscientious work along the one line I know thoroughly—

It may seem that my claim to cure the longest standing and most obstinate cases of nervous disorders is based on some mysterious power, otherwise how could I guarantee the cure when other physicians failed? The secret lies simply in knowing my profession thoroughly and giving each case the utmost care.

My methods appeal particularly to men who have tried other treatment without appointment, or at least but temporary relief. I wish to impress upon these men the fact that my superior skill justifies me in making men's diseases my specialty. I wish to prove conclusively to the scientific community, as most physicians are, that I am able to give. No matter if other doctors have failed to cure you, feel fully assured that if I accept your case the treatment given will be absolutely scientific and fully effective.

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