

RATES RUINOUS TO LUMBERMEN

Complaint of Northwestern Producers to Interstate Commission.

RAILROADS IN CONSPIRACY

No Traffic Competition to Afford Relief—Advance May Destroy Industry—Commission Promises to Hasten the Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today received the complaint of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association against the new 60-cent rate. It is set forth that the new rates were the result of a conspiracy on the part of the railroads to destroy competition in the lumber business from Oregon and other Northwestern states and to extort unreasonable compensation for transportation. Also that the railroads knew the new lumber rate would prove extortionate, and further that the advance was not made necessary by exigencies of business of the roads.

All Roads in Conspiracy.

Enforcement of the rate will, it is alleged, depreciate the value of the lumber mills of the Northwest and subject them to a heavy loss.

The complaint asserts that the Union Pacific and other Western and Northwestern lines by concert of action absolutely fix and maintain freight rates on all forest products from the Pacific Northwest to Eastern destinations. It alleges that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern dominate the Burlington Company through the ownership of its stock, that the Union Pacific dominates and controls the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, the Oregon Short Line and the Southern Pacific by virtue of the ownership of the majority of their capital stock and by other devices and arrangements, so that there is no competition between them; that the Southern Pacific dominates and controls the Oregon & California and the Corvallis & Eastern companies through ownership of the majority of their stock by lease or otherwise.

Would Destroy Industry.

It is asserted that the railroads have advanced rates 5 to 10 cents per 100 pounds, effective on November 1, on all forest products; that the rates are excessive, extortionate, prohibitive and discriminatory, and that, if they are exacted, the lumber industry of the Northwest will be seriously injured, if not destroyed.

A large part of the investment in the lumber industry in Oregon was made upon the faith that freight rates voluntarily established years ago would not be increased, but rather diminished. Freight rates generally have declined, and the rate per ton per mile on all traffic of the Hill and Harriman lines has decreased during the last ten years, the rate on lumber being no exception. Encouraged by the railroads, lumbermen of the Northwest have sought inferior markets and enlarged their plant, but if the new rate is sustained they must practically withdraw from these distant markets.

Under the old rate it was difficult for Coast mills to successfully compete for the markets of the Mississippi Valley, and they only did so by selling at little margin. An advance of the rate will practically wipe out this small profit. It is alleged the advance is not made necessary by changed conditions affecting transportation of forest products or by financial conditions affecting the railroads, also that the lumber rates formerly charged by these roads were excessive and unreasonable and should be reduced.

Money and Men Affected.

The complainants aver that they have \$90,000,000 capital invested in their industries, and employ 50,000 people; that their annual payroll aggregates \$20,000,000, and that they pay in freight \$12,000,000 annually for 30,000 carloads of forest products. Enforcement of the new rate would not only destroy the lumber industry of the Northwest, but work serious injury to the general public by throwing thousands out of employment and making lumber scarce.

The lumbermen also allege that the railroads are jointly imposing excessive rates on shippers in order to pay dividends on excessive stock and bond issues.

Wherefore it is asked that after a hearing the commission fix the new rates at reasonable and substitute reasonable rates for the transportation of lumber from the Northwest to Missouri River points, said rates to be not more than in the rate in force prior to November 1.

LETTER TELLS OF SUICIDE

O. F. Wilbur Writes Last Note to Office Partner.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—O. F. Wilbur, who disappeared from Oregon City Tuesday, November 5, has probably taken his own life. This is the belief of his office partner, W. P. Schooley, a real estate dealer, and is confirmed by a letter received today from the missing man by Mr. Schooley. Wilbur came here from Fowler, Colo., May 15 last, and was agent for the Postal Telegraph Company. He had been drinking heavily for several months and was despondent because he had not money to pay a number of small debts. He left the office about noon, November 5, and was seen to board a Portland car. Mr. Schooley received the following letter from Wilbur today:

Mining stock is transferred to you. The other stuff is all for me. Mrs. West comes next. Next dispose of all to best advantage. The Postal owes me \$100. I owe them more than that. I owe the insurance company. I think it will pay out. Twice I lost \$40 out of my pocket or it was taken out. Good-bye. Will it get out the country to any expense about the final expense.

O. F. W. Don't let this see into print. I hope the man will mail this.

Upon leaving Oregon City Wilbur evidently went to the Lenox Restaurant for he sent Mr. Schooley a card of that place, on the back of which was written: "Mr. O. F. Wilbur has envelope

here in safe, 207 Third street, H. B. Bruce." This envelope no doubt contains the mining stock referred to in the letter. Mrs. West is his landlady, to whom he owes a small account.

Mr. Schooley will go to Portland tomorrow to make investigation of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Wilbur.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES.

Billing, Mont.—Nicholas Moez, wanted in this state for the murder of Minin Papa, has been captured in Austria.

Eugene, Or.—Frank Cowan, who was arrested on the streets last night, was adjudged insane and taken to Salem this morning.

Port Townsend, Wash.—While out shooting on the beach, Dewey Gunderson, aged 4, shot Clifford Major in the hand with a 22-caliber rifle. The boy's hand may have to be amputated.

Eugene, Or.—The district convention of the Order of Honor, a lodge of the Order of the Moose, was held here today at the banquet. About 25 delegates attended from Albany, Jefferson, Junction City and Harrisburg.

Washington—Rear-Admiral Asa Walker of the Navy, was retired today, having reached the statutory age limit, last week in the battle of Manila Bay and was a member of the Naval Observatory in this city.

Oregon City, Or.—The directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, that was closed more than two years ago, have presented the gymnasium apparatus to the Barclay High School, where it has been installed.

Houlman, Wash.—John Long was fined \$10 and costs today for smoking opium. This is the second of 45 celestialists caught in a trap set by the Houlman Packing Company, and the trials were postponed till the run of salmon to be opened was over.

Pendleton, Or.—Joseph Guggen, a farmer who mysteriously disappeared from this city about a year ago, has been located at the home of a sister in Nebraska. Worry over indications is supposed to have been the cause of his flight. His wife left for Nebraska to endeavor to induce him to return.

Walla Walla, Wash.—In a test case today Judge Bretta held that the law of 1903, providing for the assessment made upon personal property shall become a lien upon real estate owned by the same person against the assessment is made by constitutional. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. Millions of dollars worth of property in this state is involved in the settlement of this question.

Columbia, Wash.—Citizens' ticket was nominated at a mass meeting last night in opposition to the Republican ticket. The Republican nominees for Mayor and Treasurer, H. E. Armstrong and Charles H. Warren, and C. W. Barber, for Councilman, were endorsed, but the Council ticket was added to as follows: J. R. Burke, A. D. Birnie, M. Gorman and J. C. Jones.

Port Townsend, Wash.—Frank Plummer, closed-town candidate for Mayor, and George B. Hart, candidate for Mayor, were the proprietor and all the employees of the Star Theater. When the Sheriff accepted a predeliberate exodus of the patrons and inmates into the streets gave the neighborhood the appearance of a street carnival.

Most of the women escaped to cover until the boat for Seattle reached the wharf, when the pursues crowd, in all degrees of intoxication, bid farewell to Port Townsend and the patrons of the dance hall. The event of last night marks the last act of the dance-hall nuisance.

POISON FOR THE COYOTE

WOOLGROWERS DECIDE TO UNITE TO KILL PEST.

Convention Ends With Signal Success—Salt to Be Brought From Utah.

THE DALES, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—A convention of hard work and excellent results, not one of hot air and political speeches, was the general opinion of the Oregon Woolgrowers who closed the two days' meeting of their association here tonight. Satisfaction radiated from the officers who had arranged the program, and discussion, while all members joined in pronouncing the convention the most successful one the state association had ever held.

The question nearest the hearts of sheepraisers and most vital to the welfare of their flocks have been fully discussed during the two days' deliberations, forest allotment, leasing of public domain and extermination of the coyote being the topics absorbing the major portion of time and attention.

This morning's session was devoted entirely to the subject of range leasing. Dan P. Smythe, of Pendleton, speaking at length, Mr. Smythe declared himself a staunch adherent to the cause of Federal control of public range which, he said, he firmly believed would, sooner or later, be brought about. With this probability, he believed in preparing for such an act and being armed and equipped for the inauguration of the new system.

Mr. Smythe was followed by Douglas Bell, of Pilot Rock, who spoke in opposition to public leasing, a general discussion pro and con following.

At 10:30 the members of the association were taken to Collo as guests of the Business Men's Association, and spent two hours viewing the work on the Government canal.

The session this afternoon was opened by W. H. Lyle, State Sheep Inspector, of Pendleton, who made an able address on "Depravations of Predatory Wild Animals." Dr. Lyle gave some startling statistics upon the ravages of coyotes during the past few years.

Following his speech the convention passed a motion recommending that during the coming month of January all sheepmen should systematically devote themselves to the poisoning of these beasts. Placing the poison upon their own hands and not upon the highways or spots outside their individual ownership as provided for by the state laws.

A general discussion upon the salt supply resulted in a recommendation that the association should seek means by which an interest could be acquired in the salt mines of Utah to protect Oregon growers against the steadily rising price of this necessary staple.

Final adjournment of the convention was made late tonight after final action upon the recommendations of the resolution committee.

Steamer Newburg Sold.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The steamer Newburg, which has been a regular visitor to Grays Harbor ever since her construction, and which has met with fewer mishaps and made more money for her owners than any other steam vessel of her size along the Pacific Coast, has been sold by her owners, Sudon & Christensen, of San Francisco, to the Slade Mill Company, of this city. The consideration is not made known.

BOUND OVER FOR MURDER

Seven Men Implicated in Killing Hindu Must Stand Trial.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—J. M. Dickenson, John Dickenson, William Dickenson, John Riley, Earl Ransier, Walter St. Clair and Vernon Howe were this afternoon bound over to appear before the Circuit Court in answer to the charge of murdering Bihawan Singh, the Hindu, at Boring, Halloween night. They were committed to jail without bonds.

The defense produced 70 testimony, but cross-examined the witness of the state, Dr. C. C. McCormack testified to attending the Hindu, whose companion related through an interpreter the incidents of the shooting. He said when the firing commenced he and his mate had

THIS IS WORTH SAYING

GOOD PRESCRIPTION AND HOW TO PREPARE IT.

Recommended Very Highly in Kidney and Bladder Troubles and Rheumatism.

This is a message that will bring happiness into many families and sunshine into the lives of hundreds of disheartened and discouraged men and women here. It requires but a little inconvenience, for it can't be bought already prepared. It is a simple home recipe, now being made known in all the larger cities through the newspapers. It is intended to check the many cases of rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble which have made so many cripples and invalids and weakened some of our brightest and strongest people.

The druggists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have no trouble to obtain them. The prescription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Karsin, one ounce, and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle. The dose is one teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

Recent experiments, even in severe hospital cases, prove this simple mixture to be a remedy for rheumatism, because of its positive action upon the eliminative tissues of the kidneys. It cures these most vital organs by filtering from the blood and system the waste impurities and uric acid which are the cause of rheumatism. It cleanses the kidneys, strengthens them and removes quickly such symptoms as backache, blood poisoning, bladder weakness, frequent urination, painful, scalding and discolored urine. It acts as a powerful stimulant to the entire kidney and bladder structure, puts new life into them and invigorates the entire system. It makes the kidneys clean the blood. The Dandelion will take care of liver trouble and constipation, and is fine for the stomach.

All the ingredients, states a well-known local druggist, are of vegetable extraction, making it a safe and harmless prescription at any time.

Those who suffer and are accustomed to purchase a bottle of patent medicine should not let a little inconvenience interfere with making up this prescription. Whoever does this, however generally known, states a large Eastern publication, it ruins the sale of the patent medicines and so-called rheumatism and kidney cures, which is its best indorsement of virtue.

died under the bed and remained there until Singh was shot. Deputy District Attorney Eby testified for the state, telling the story that was given to him by William Dickenson at Boring, when the defendants were given an accurate hearing before the death of the Hindu, on the charge of shooting with attempt to kill. The bullet that killed Singh was from a 20-35 rifle in the hands of William Dickenson, and the weapon belonged to his father.

Deserter Surrenders Himself.

ST. HELENS, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—William M. Ruff, a deserter from Company L, Twenty-ninth Regular Infantry, stationed at Fort Douglas, surrendered himself to Sheriff White tonight. Ruff deserted July 29 and since that time has been wandering about the country. He declared he was tired of the vagrant's life and was ready to pay the penalty for desertion. The officers at Vancouver were communicated with.

NEW WORLD RIFLE RECORD

Captain Hardy Hits 992 Marbles Out of 1000.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 13.—What is declared to be a new world's rifle record was established today by Captain A. H. Hardy, when he hit 992 marble targets out of a possible 1000 shots. The targets were seven-eighths of an inch in diameter and were thrown at the regulation distance. The previous best-known record was made by Adolph Toppert, of San Antonio, Texas, who hit 968 marbles out of a possible 1000.

HUESTON WINS FROM JEVNE

In Best Contest of National Billiard Tourney.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 13.—In the most sensational game that has thus far been played in the tournament for the National three-cushion billiard championship, Thomas A. Hueston, of St. Louis, today defeated Lloyd Jevne, of Chicago, 59 to 45. Hueston had a big lead in the early and middle stages of the game. Jevne caught him at 29 and passed seven points in the last end to be beaten by one point in the last seven innings. Hueston's high run was 4, his average 439, safeties 39; Jevne's high run was 5, average 416, safeties 14.

In tonight's game Frank P. Day, of St. Louis, made several remarkable shots that brought the spectators to their feet, and defeated John G. Horgan, of Elmira, N. Y., 59 to 36. Day's high run was 5, his average 714, safeties 3; Horgan's high run was 7, average 364, and safeties 2.

ROBBED UNDER ARC LIGHT

Italian Merchant Relieved of \$45 on Burnside Bridge.

Under the glare of an arc light on the Burnside bridge, James Nullis, an Italian, proprietor of a fruit stand at the corner

WORTH \$2000.00 The Know How.

When a man happens to be late for breakfast he is liable to cripple himself for the morning's work by eating so fast he can't digest it or perhaps go with but half enough.

If he happens to know that he can get all the nourishment he needs for strength of brain and body, and get it in a few minutes by eating Grape-Nuts and cream, he's all right. A Mass. man writes:

"About 3 years ago I was taken with a pain in my back and legs that got so bad I had to rest two or three times on the road to work. Finally, after trying various doctors and hospitals, I had to give up my work and go to the country."

"I spent most of my money this way, good. They called it rheumatism, but after reading up a good deal on the subject, I came to the conclusion it was a weakness of the nerve centers, and began to look for something to strengthen them."

"By chance I got a package of Grape-Nuts and read the 'Road to Wellville' I found inside. After eating a few packages my lameness began to get better and finally left me, which is worth at least \$2000.00 to me."

"I can now work hard, walk as far and as quick as most men years younger than I am, which is 63. When my friends come to visit me I give them the booklet, 'The Road to Wellville' with the advice that they'll get there if they travel the road. 'There's a Reason.' Name given by Postum Co. Battle Creek, Mich."



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\$11.00 All Reduced for Special Clearance to \$11.00

See 4th Street Window Display

of First and Alder streets, was laid up by two men and robbed of \$45 at 12 o'clock last night. Nullis hurried to the police station and told his story, giving an accurate description of both men. One robber, he said, was about 5 feet 10 inches in height, wore a black slouch hat and appeared to be about 25 years old. The other stood about 5 feet 8 inches in height, also wore a flat black slouch hat, was well dressed and appeared to be about 21 years of age. As soon as the report was made, all the officers of the second relief were immediately notified of the crime and instructions given them to arrest any man answering either description.

A number of the officers of the first relief, who report off duty at 11:30 o'clock, must have been passing over the bridge in cars at the time the hold-up occurred.

H. E. Wheeler, a veteran theatrical man, is at the Oregon, in advance of "The Royal Chef" which will be seen at the Heilig in the near future.

Wallace, Idaho, are at the Portland. Mr. Patterson is a leading merchant of his city. S. Morton Cohn, general manager of the Imperial Amusement Company, returned yesterday after an absence of several weeks. During his absence he bought and opened a new theater in Seattle which has started its career under the most favorable conditions and with a bright outlook for the future.

Vapo-Cresolene (Established 1879) "Cures While You Sleep." Whooping-Cough, Croup, Bronchitis, Coughs, Diphtheria, Catarrh. Confidence can be placed in a remedy which for a quarter of a century has earned unqualified praise. Restful nights are assured at once. Cresolene is a Boon to Asthmatics All Druggists. Send postal for descriptive booklet. Cresolene Antiseptic Throat Tablets for the Irritated Throat, of your druggist or from us. 10c. in stamps. The Vapo-Cresolene Co., 180 Fulton St., N. Y.

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