

PROPOSALS FOR THE EAST OF DALLES

State Commission Makes One-Sixth Reduction in Class Tariffs.

AFFECTS O. R. & N. ROAD

New Figures Make Difference of 19 Cents on Freight to Huntington, With Proportional Reductions to Other Points.

SALLEM, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The Oregon Railroad Commission today rendered its decision in the O. R. & N. distributive rates case, ordering a reduction in rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles. The reduction amounts to 19 cents a hundred on first-class freight to Eugene, 7 cents to Astoria, 12 cents to Pendleton, 18 cents to La Grande and Baker City, and 19 cents to Huntington, with proportional reductions to other points and on other classes of freight. Rates to The Dalles are already low enough owing to water competition. All the commission's members concurred in the decision. The decision follows:

We wish to announce the general basis upon which we think the complaint of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company should be decided, viz: We do not feel that our order should disturb the rates between Portland and The Dalles within the state of Oregon. The first-class rates should be reduced as follows: Reduce the present rate by an amount equal to one-sixth of the difference between the present first-class rate to such points. For instance, the rate to Huntington is \$1.15, the rate to The Dalles is 85 cents. The difference between the two rates is 30 cents, and the amount to be reduced is 5 cents, making the new rate 80 cents. The other class rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles should bear the same relation to the first-class rate as the first-class rate bears to the first-class rate. The following table shows the proposed rates:

Table with 2 columns: Distance, Rate. Rows include Eugene, Astoria, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Huntington.

A reasonable time should be allowed to prepare and file new tariffs and to file the same with the commission. It is suggested that counsel for plaintiff and defendant be present at the hearing and to the commission findings and an order in conformity therewith.

Our order herein must be confined to the rates put in issue—the class rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles. It is not intended to disturb the rates between Portland and points west of The Dalles. It is suggested that counsel for plaintiff and defendant be present at the hearing and to the commission findings and an order in conformity therewith.

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BANKER HAINES WINS SUIT

Case Against Kane Settled Out of Court in Plaintiff's Favor.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The suit instituted two weeks ago by State Senator E. W. Haines, banker, against Deputy Sheriff Frank T. Kane, his former cashier, alleging that Kane by a series of wholesale jugglings of the bank's books, robbed him of \$15,000, has been settled out of court.

The parties to the suit and their attorneys met yesterday in Portland, where the settlement was made, in which Frank T. Kane, the accused, turned over to E. W. Haines \$5,000 shares in the Commercial Mining Company, which were held by Kane and against which the suit was instituted. The cash value of the shares assigned to Haines is said to be more than enough to cover the deficiency alleged in the complaint against his former cashier and will aid materially, as an asset, in bringing the affairs of the bank to their normal adjustment.

The assets of the defunct bank, however, are said to be sufficient to pay the depositors dollar for dollar, but it would take much longer to bring about an adjustment, and upon the heels of the settlement of this suit is the announcement that a new and stronger banking institution will soon be opened up here. It is understood that capital from Portland has been offered, and also influential citizens of this place have expressed a willingness to help put the bank back on its feet. The new bank is said to be paying a monthly dividend of nearly \$300 per month.

Simultaneous with the announcement of the settlement of the Haines-Kane case is the announcement that Senator Haines would enter the race for the Senate. When seen this morning, Mr. Haines stated that he was a candidate for the Senate, and said that it was at the urgent request of his friends that he entered the race at all, but that had not the adjustment of the case been amicably made he would have, under no circumstances, consented to run. He considers that the settlement of the suit is a vindication and substantiates the accusations made in his speech in the Oregon State House, and that the fact that Kane and died in the Circuit Court two weeks ago.

After the adjustment of the damage suit, the special investigation of the bank of Hillsboro, was relieved of further investigation, and it is understood that the total deficiency in the bank will not be made known to the public. It is alleged that Mr. Kane had an office in the race for Sheriff of Washington County.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

George W. Conser, Native Son and Prominent Heppner Resident.

HEPPNER, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—George W. Conser, died here this morning at 5 o'clock, after serious illness for several weeks. Conser had been falling in health ever since the flood of 1903, when he lost all his town property. Conser was born in Madison County, this state, November 23, 1864, and was the son of Jacob and Nancy Conser, who came to Oregon in 1848, his father being a member of the first territorial Legislature.

Conser started life as a brakeman on the Southern Pacific, moved to Arlington, then back and clerked for Thomas & Co. before coming to Heppner, taking a position with the First National Bank as cashier, which position he held for over 20 years. He was president of the Heppner Railroad & Coal Company and had been interested in many stock and mining concerns. In 1888 he was elected Treasurer of Gilliam County.

George Conser was married to Lillie L. daughter of A. A. Bristow, of the town of Morrow, County, December 3, 1889. No children were born to this union. Conser was a prominent Mason and Elk. He was for many years Mayor of Heppner, and was liberal-hearted and public-spirited in all he undertook.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He leaves two sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Conductor Shannon Conser, of the Southern Pacific, whose home is in Portland, and who was at his bedside when death occurred.

Mrs. Margaret Sommerville.

EUGENE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Sommerville, wife of Mack Sommerville, died at Los Angeles last night, after an illness of one week, of pneumonia. Margaret Stevens was born near Eugene, July 29, 1875. She attended the public schools and the University of Oregon, and was married in 1896. In 1897 Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville went to California. Mrs. Sommerville has besides her husband and her mother, Lena L. and Welby Stevens, two brothers, and a large number of relatives and friends in large country. The remains are expected here Friday.

Mrs. John Collier.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Collier, wife of the proprietor of the People's Store here, died this afternoon after an illness of a week's duration. Death was due to heart disease. Mrs. Collier was born in Michigan in 1867 and has been a resident of this city with her husband for the past six years. She was an active worker in church and local clubs.

Palmer Moore.

MONTESANO, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—Palmer Moore died here Sunday night as the result of a severe fall he had several days ago. He was a resident of this city, having come here in the early days. He was 79 years old and leaves one daughter 13 years old.

SENTENCED IN QUICK TIME

Shedds Hobos Caught Rifling Store Railroaded to State Prison.

ALBANY, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—While arraying themselves in new suits of clothes in the store of Davis & Shedd, at the corner of Shields, 14 miles west of Albany, two hobos were captured shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. A posse of citizens surrounded the store and, exhibiting unusual nerve and tact, effected the capture. The men were brought to this city this morning and placed in the County Jail. They give their names as Harry Brooks and Charles Stewart.

Ashland Favorable to University.

ASHLAND, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The Ashland Commercial Club has adopted resolutions submitted by a committee composed of F. H. Carter, E. H. Briggs and L. L. Mull, in which support is given to the \$125,000 appropriation for the University of Oregon. The resolution says: "We are firmly of the opinion that the amount appropriated is barely sufficient for the support of the University of Oregon, in keeping with the dignity and greatness of our growing state."

Boys Confess to Robberies.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 31.—Five boys, ranging in age from 13 to 19

JURY'S VERDICT SECOND DEGREE

Charles H. Walworth and Son Guilty of Killing James Mankins.

JACKSON COUNTY TRAGEDY

Pitched Battle Ensues When Effort Is Made to Eject Defendants From Mankins' Land—Jury Deliberates Four Hours.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Guilty of murder in the second degree was the jury's verdict returned tonight in the case of Charles H. Wal-

worth and his 19-year-old son, Norvel, charged with the death of James F. Mankins, near this city, December 28, 1907. The jury was out four hours and returned with the verdict at 8:30.

Just prior to the announcement that the jury had agreed upon a verdict, young Norvel was heard to remark that he was indifferent as to the outcome if his father could be cleared. Arguments before the jury occupied four hours. Attorney Kelly, in his closing argument, made much of the boy's belief that his mother was in the house at the time of the killing, and that he fought to protect her. The case went to the jury shortly after 5 o'clock.

The killing of James F. Mankins was the result of an effort to eject the Walworths from property owned by the Mankins. The serving of the papers of ejectment precipitated a pitched battle, in which over a dozen shots were exchanged. Mankins fell early in the fight, and both defendants were in turn badly wounded.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS MEET

Session of Oregon and Idaho Y. W. C. A. at Eugene Friday.

EUGENE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The 13th annual convention of the Young Women's Christian Association of Oregon and Idaho will convene in Villard Hall Friday morning, April 2, and the session will continue until Sunday evening. Following the official report, Portland City, Salem City and Circle, University of Oregon, University of Idaho, Oregon Agricultural College, State Normal School, Lewiston, Ashland, Drain, Monmouth and Weston.

BOYS HANDLE GUN; ONE SHOT

Accident May Cause Death of Son of Rancher Near Vale.

VALE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Leonard, son of Emory Cole, a prominent rancher of Upper Willow Creek, was accidentally shot about 4 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Hoopole, of Vale, was sent for to save the boy's life, if possible. The bullet passed through the boy's lung and leaves small chance for his recovery. Two boys, Leonard and Clifford, were playing with a neighbor's gun. In some way the weapon was discharged while in the hands of Clifford and Leonard was made the victim.

"Wets" and "Drys" at It Again.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Cornelius, two miles east of here, will hold its annual city election next Monday. The old, time-worn question of "wets" and "drys" is to be fought out, and much interest is being shown by the citizens of this quiet hamlet. The probability is that the "drys" will win out.

Swings to Statement No. 1.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Since filing his declaration and petition for nomination at the primaries on April 1, for nomination to the office of Representative from this county, Stephen F. Richards has changed his relation to Statement No. 1, and though refused the privilege of signing it after his papers were filed, he now maintains he is a supporter of that doctrine, and will abide by its ruling if elected.

MILWAUKEE TO START TRAINS

Service in Eastern Washington Within Next Two Weeks.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—Within two weeks, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul will put its first train in service in Eastern Washington, running between Othello and Lind, where the Northern Pacific is crossed. The distance is about 25 miles, and a combination freight and passenger service will be operated daily. Othello is to be a division point on the Milwaukee, and the company is planning to commence work on a large number of buildings, a track-laying gang of 300 men are now employed, and within 20 days the tracks will be within a few miles of the Columbia River.

FUND FOR DALLAS COLLEGE

Large Donation Said to Have Been Secured in the East.

DALLAS, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The annual Oregon conference of the Dallas Church will be held in Dallas this week, beginning tomorrow morning.

Washington's Legislative Aspirants Don't Want to Go on Record.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—That a large number of aspirants for legislative positions in the coming state primary election will not subscribe to the pledge provided for in the primary law that they will always vote for the Senatorial candidate receiving the largest number of votes in their party has become apparent. The strong admirers of the primary law in all its features, as a result of this indication, have started a campaign to create, if possible, public sentiment in favor of the pledge.

FEAR IT MEANS DEADLOCK

Unpledged Hold-over Senators and Democrats Could Prevent Election if Pledged Members Were Held to Promise.

There is an indication now, however, that the great majority of the candidates for legislative nomination will subscribe to a pledge different from that in the primary law, but which they believe will better satisfy the voters in the districts they seek to represent.

Arguments Against the Pledge.

This pledge will not entitle the candidates to go on the primary ticket as "pledged candidates" as provided for in the law, but it is argued that the desired result can be accomplished by announcements published in the newspapers stating their position as the highest party vote in their districts.

Sheep Shear with Machinery.

ABINGDON, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Sheep-shearing will begin at Smythe & Smith's plant, five miles south of here, Friday. Sixteen shearing machines will be used, the power being furnished by a six-horsepower gasoline engine. Forty thousand sheep will be sheared at this plant this season and an average of 2000 head daily is expected.

Apple Land at \$1000 an Acre.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—One of the biggest sales of orchard land that has taken place at Hood River was reported today in the purchase of 22 acres of bearing orchard from K. Marshall for \$20,000. The purchaser was F. W. Angus, of the firm of MacRae & Angus. The orchard is set to young trees that have only been in bearing a year or two and the price paid is not regarded as high, owing to the standard varieties of apple trees and its location.

Water for Farmer and Mariner.

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DESIRE TO WEAR FINE CLOTHES GETS SPOKANE WOMAN INTO TROUBLE.

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