

EFFECT OF NEW RATES NOT CLEAR

W. W. Cotton Discusses Recent Order of Oregon Railroad Commission.

RELATION OF SPOKANE CASE

If Petition of Interior Jobbers Is Granted by Interstate Commerce Commission, Portland Will Be Affected Adversely.

Effects of the reduction in distributive rates out of Portland just ordered by the Railroad Commission are not yet clear and depend largely upon the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in regard to the petition of jobbers for lower terminal rates. The new rates mean a reduction in class rates to points in Oregon east of The Dalles of from 10 to 15 per cent. Baker City has already made a protest against the reduction through one of its newspapers at what it calls rank favoritism for Portland jobbers.

W. W. Cotton, general counsel for the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, says he has not yet decided whether he will file suit to contest the new rates. Just when the new class tariffs will be effective depends upon when the Commission issues its order to the railroads. Portland jobbers may not profit.

In discussing the new tariffs, Mr. Cotton said: "By reason of the conditions existing on the Pacific Coast as the result of the competition of sea carriers via the Straits of Magellan, the Isthmus of Panama and Tehuantepec routes, very low rates have been made by the transcontinental lines from the east of Portland, and the rates from the East to interior points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, which are not subject to the same competition, are generally made by adding to the transcontinental rates to Portland the local rates from Portland to destination.

"However, as the result of various causes, the rates from the East to the interior have from time to time been reduced, and there is even now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission a suit instituted by the City of Spokane for the purpose of having the same rates established from the East to Spokane as are made to the Coast terminals, in order to enable the merchants at Spokane to compete more successfully with the merchants at Portland and other Coast cities for the trade of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Evidence in the suit was taken in the winter of 1906, and the case was argued before the Interstate Commerce Commission in June, 1907, but no decision has as yet been rendered.

Will Affect Rates From East.

"The action before the Oregon State Commission was instituted by the transportation committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of reducing the local rates from Portland to interior points. The local rates from Portland to interior points are a factor in the making of rates from the East to the interior, the order of the Commission will have the effect of reducing the rates from the East to the interior, particularly on less than carload shipments and by reason of the narrowing of the difference between the carload and less than carload rates. It will tend to prevent the shipment of freight in carloads from the East and California to interior points for distribution as against shipments in carloads from Portland and distribution from there to interior points. It will also tend to prevent the shipment of freight in carloads from the East and California to interior points for distribution as against shipments in carloads from Portland and distribution from there to interior points.

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Old and New Rates Compared.

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F. X. MATTHIEU, LAST SURVIVOR OF THE CHAMPOEG CONVENTION IS 90 YEARS OLD

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

THIS man is one who saved a state and remains to bear witness of the excellence of his work after 55 years. It is no small distinction to live to a very great age and a far from purely physical one. The most act of survival appears to those who view things cursorily to be nothing more than breathing and eating and sleeping the psalmist and his "three score and ten" into disfavor as a true philosopher. It is not, however, and if F. X. Matthieu had done nothing more than that he would, at the age of 90, with his faculties well preserved, be a man of achievement. Those who lack mental and moral stamina die sooner, and the course of his life is a true philosophy to act now, be not of age, and when one has done that and accomplished some one fine deed it is all that the human animal could wish.

Yesterday, the birthday of Francis Xavier Matthieu, last survivor of that meeting which decided the question of sovereignty on the Pacific Coast, that momentous meeting which was held at Champeog, Or., on May 2, 1842. A public reception was held in the afternoon at the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, the director of which is the Hon. H. H. H. Secretary of that institution. The splendid old patriot spent two hours in meeting his friends of the pioneer days, and enjoyed a veritable field day.

It was perhaps the one person among the hundreds who clasped his hand and wished him well, who had contributed nothing to the upbuilding of the state. Practically all we know of him is the melting front of years and not a few had done brave things for Oregon. I'm inclined to think, however, that the dispassionate spectators who look on at things that others do, as a matter of his day's work, gets the perspective better, somehow.

This last one of the fathers is a sturdy little man today in spite of his years. He is well down the sidewalk side but has no complaint. However well he has studied and the written word he has never learned lamentations. He didn't know he was doing a big thing when he voted in that great assembly that the flag of the United States should be the flag of posterity. Neither perhaps did the champions who signed the Magna Charter or the Declaration. We better appreciate what he has done in this state for not fully, so long as the last survivor lives, nor perhaps for many years thereafter.

Sometimes, in the long, never ending furor some far off future sages will tell the stories of these men and their deeds in a new Iliad and a new Odyssey. Then will history prepare for them a proper and appropriate memorial of their lives and the applause of listening Senators nor does the spectacular, big deeds, he was in his day a Hampden whose name and fame should be perpetuated in this state for what he wrought so well in that older day.

Do you stop to consider that he was born in 1818 and that it was 19 years ago that he came as a man grown into the United States? That's a long while ago. Not many of us were alive then, much less old enough to have borne arms in the Revolution and to be ex-patriated by royal decree. Francis X. Matthieu participated actively in the uprising revolt of 1838, and when the uprising failed, crossed the border be-

MUST NOT OCCUPY STREET

Mayor Vetoes Ordinance Granting Perkins Hotel Permit.

Mayor Lane yesterday vetoed an ordinance that was passed at the last session of the City Council, granting to the Perkins Hotel Company the right to use eight inches of the sidewalk space at Fifth and Washington streets for exterior ornamental to the five-story structure at that corner. He explains his action by the declaration that the street is narrow and that the space could not well be afforded.

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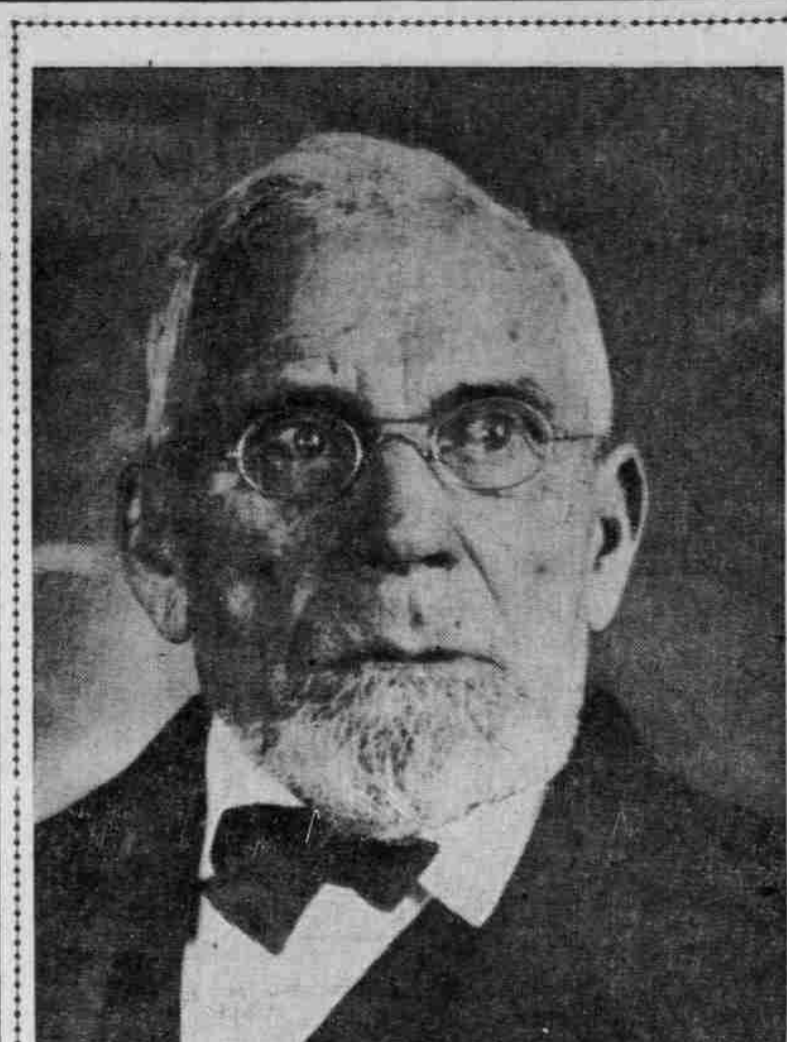
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cause they were after him, and linked his destinies with the United States. In 1839 he entered the employ of the American Fur Company at St. Louis, and trapped and hunted over the plains of what is now Minnesota and Dakota. Later he ranged the savage domain through Wyoming and Colorado to what was then a trackless waste, less known than Tibet of today. He was the intimate and associate of Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and Bent. He knew the Indians before the missionists and the traders had made them hostile, and in September of 1842 he came to Oregon. His employment, when once he reached here after incredible hardships, was with the Hudson's Bay Company and his wage was a bushel of wheat a day, with six bits and "find yourself." He told me yesterday that the site of Portland was then so densely wooded that it was impossible to land a canoe on what is now the water front. According to his veracious account there was no chance to get a chew of tobacco between Gre-

OREGON IN FINE POSITION

A. L. MILLS DISCUSSES LOCAL FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Says State Is in Better Shape Than Any Other in the Whole Union.

"Oregon is today in the best condition financially of any state in the Union," said A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank, yesterday. "This state is not in bondage to the East. The people are living easy on the proceeds of our big crop. Decreases in the bank deposits throughout the state indicate that people are drawing on this crop wealth to some extent.

HOME COMPANY IN CHARGE

Automatic Phone System Is Turned Over by Construction Company.

The automatic telephone system of Portland was turned over to the Portland Home Telephone Company, a local corporation, April 1. The personnel of the company, however, is not yet ready to give out, as all the directors have not been chosen. This will be accomplished during the next few weeks. A well-known business man of the city will be president and there will be seven directors. William Godfrey, acting manager of the Empire Construction Company, which installed the Portland plant, and Robert Tucker, the attorney who looked after right of way and legal matters in connection with the local automatic system, will be directors. The remaining five will be chosen from the rank of prominent Portland business men. Charles Sumner, former president of the local company, will retire.

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WHO'S OWNER OF ERICKSON SALOON?

Suit in State Court Seeks to Settle Mooted Question Definitely.

PAY FOR GOODS DEMANDED

Cline Oil & Paint Co. Commences Action for \$81.17 Against Hugo Fritz Company—Sheriff's Jury Fails to Agree.

Behind a suit for \$81.17 filed against the Hugo Fritz Company in the Circuit Court yesterday by C. C. Cline, of the C. C. Cline Oil & Paint Company, lies an attempt to fix the ownership of the August Erickson saloon at Second and Burnside streets. A bitter fight over the ownership question was recently conducted by attorneys for the Hugo Fritz Company and for Hugo Fritz before a Sheriff's jury. The resulting disagreement of the jury left Sheriff Stevens in an awkward position as he was before an attempt to fix the ownership of the Erickson saloon at Second and Burnside streets. A bitter fight over the ownership question was recently conducted by attorneys for the Hugo Fritz Company and for Hugo Fritz before a Sheriff's jury. The resulting disagreement of the jury left Sheriff Stevens in an awkward position as he was before an attempt to fix the ownership of the Erickson saloon at Second and Burnside streets. A bitter fight over the ownership question was recently conducted by attorneys for the Hugo Fritz Company and for Hugo Fritz before a Sheriff's jury. The resulting disagreement of the jury left Sheriff Stevens in an awkward position as he was before an attempt to fix the ownership of the Erickson saloon at Second and Burnside streets.

"I filed this suit just for the purpose of determining the ownership of that property," said Mr. Cline last night. "Nobody seems to know much about it, but this will bring it out. C. Edwin West, bookkeeper for Sharkey, was up to see me today, and wanted me to call the suit off and to make the case as light as possible. I couldn't communicate with A. T. Lewis, my attorney, who was in court today, so I could do nothing about it, and I will let the suit go through as it is anyway."

Sues His Son-in-Law.

Judge Brougham yesterday morning began to hear testimony in the suit brought by William Peabody against Fred H. Meader and his wife, Olive Meader, in Circuit Court. Peabody contends that he deeded his home in Wasco to Meader, his son-in-law, with the understanding that he was to have a home for the remainder of his days. Meader's first wife died, and he is said to have turned his father-in-law out in the cold.

Will of D. C. Currie.

The will of David C. Currie, filed in the County Court yesterday, disposes of a \$5000 estate as follows: To his sister, Elizabeth Currie, of Oakland, Cal., \$2000; to Mildred Davidson, a niece, \$200; to Myrtle Baldwin, \$100; for missionary work, \$50; the remainder to be equally divided between Augustus Currie, Thomas Currie, Currie, John C. Currie, Mary Currie Wrenn and the heirs of Alfred Currie.

PEOPLE AS LEGISLATORS

E. Versteeg Thinks That Power of Initiative Is Abused.

PORTLAND, April 2.—(To the Editor.)—The over-zeal of the initiative by whose hands will be shaped the future destiny of our form of civil government. A proper knowledge of the value and importance of our prerogative, the ballot, is the essential qualification of good citizenship. The 20th century questions the average citizen, being industriously engaged in commercial and other pursuits, has no time to devote to public duty in not considering governmental matters in the full measure of their importance.

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