

MAIL CONTRACTS BASED ON SPEED

Hitchcock Will Decide Upon
Actual Performance
of Railroads.

"PULL" GOES FOR NOTHING

Milwaukee Has Advantage Over Hill
Lines to Sound Clashes, While the
Union Pacific Expects to
Win Portland Job.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, D. C., Sept. 29.—New contracts for
carrying the mails from Chicago to the
leading cities of the Pacific Coast will
not be made until after the regular weigh-
ing of the mails, next February. The
awards, in every instance, will be based
upon the schedules then in operation on
the competing railroads, the contracts go-
ing to the route which makes the quick-
est actual running time between terminal
points. But before any contract is closed,
the railroad maintaining the best sched-
ule will be required to furnish the Post-
office Department assurance that it will
maintain the schedule upon which the award
is made, or better.

Since the transcontinental speed war
began, the various roads competing for
Pacific Coast mail contracts have brought
various kinds of influence to bear upon
the Postoffice Department, and all main-
taining of letters and telegrams have
been urged. In some instances the in-
fluences have been based upon recom-
mendations from the Postoffice Depart-
ment, and in others upon the fact that
the schedule is faster than any of its
competitors. In other instances these
recommendations have been made by
the writer for some particular line.

Contract Based on Service.

All these recommendations go for
naught. The contracts, it is announced,
will be awarded solely upon the basis of service
which the competing railroads are able
to render, and the question of "pull" will
not be taken into account.

Just now the Great Northern and the
Milwaukee are leading among the com-
petitors for the Seattle and Tacoma mail
contracts. Both roads have submitted sched-
ules which they propose to put into ef-
fect on or before the date the new con-
tracts become effective. The Milwaukee
schedule is slightly shorter than that sub-
mitted by the Great Northern, and the
attention of the Postoffice Department is
called to the fact. The indication thrown out
by the Postoffice Department is that the
Great Northern must at least meet the
Milwaukee schedule, or enter the com-
petition under handicap.

Hill May Compete to Portland.

So far as Portland is concerned, there
is not the same competition that is found
on Puget Sound. Representatives of the
Union Pacific system have assured the
Postoffice Department that they will
beat any schedule which any other road
proposes, from Chicago to Portland, and
the Department seems satisfied that this
will be done. Already mail schedules
between Chicago and the East are being
run in much shorter time than they did
a year ago, a few hours in excess of
four days being now ample to transmit
mail from Portland to Washington, D.
C. The only possible competition which
the Union Pacific system would meet at
Portland would be from the Hill system,
via the North Bank road, and up to the
present time that system has not sub-
mitted a schedule. Chicago to Portland,
which beats the new schedule over the
Harrison line, if such a competition de-
velops later, and the Hill roads submit
a schedule that shortens the running time
over the Union Pacific, the latter sys-
tem will be notified and asked if it can
do better.

Show What Can Do in Winter.

The Postoffice Department is desirous
that the various railroads competing for
the transcontinental mail contracts for
the four years beginning next February
shall put in evidence their schedules as
speedily as possible, and make a demon-
stration covering a period of months,
which will show their ability to run their
trains between Chicago and the Coast on
schedule time. It is realized that during
the winter months there will be delays
incident to snow blockades, etc., which
cannot be avoided, and it is the desire
of the more desirable that the new sched-
ules shall be in operation for as long a
time as possible before bad weather sets
in. At the time the mail contracts are
awarded, traffic will be more or less in-
regular on account of the winter
weather, and while some allowances neces-
sarily will have to be made on that
count, the Department looks to the
various roads to demonstrate their facili-
ties for maintaining good schedules, even
under adverse circumstances. The mail
has to go winter as well as summer,
and a road immeasurably better equipped
than a competitor to maintain schedules
through the winter will be given credit
for such showing when the awards are
made.

The Department is not holding any of
the roads to imitative or proposed sched-
ules which have been submitted up to
this time, but will, in making its de-
cision, be guided by the actual schedules
which are being maintained, rather than
the schedules that exist on paper. It is
the service the Department wants, and it
will be influenced by what it actually
sees rather than by representations of
what will be done.

SPOKANE PUT IN SHIVERS

(Continued From First Page.)

States. It is no longer a question of
keeping Spokane quiet in a specially con-
structed building zone, but it is a vital
matter that affects nearly all rates be-
tween the Atlantic and the Pacific, and
there will be so many changes in those
rates that on every hand there is heard
with varying degrees of emphasis, in re-
sponse to a question by J. N. Teal that
the jobbers would prefer the old rate to
the big promises to supplement it. The
big whippersnappers, who three years ago
protected against the action of the Spo-
kane Chamber of Commerce because they
could foresee the inevitable, are so badly
disgruntled over the outlook that they
feel only a moment's satisfaction in "I
told you so" reminders.

The session opened at 10 this morning,
and Judge Prouty requested the lawyers
to outline their plans. The Attorney Gen-
eral, appearing for Spokane, studiously
avoided any allusion to water competi-
tion, but repeatedly insisted that Spo-
kane wanted the same rates from the

East that were granted coast cities. It
submitted in support of the Spokane con-
tention, that a water distributive terri-
tory was due Spokane, and presented
elaborate tables showing the
limit of territory that could be reached
in competition with the coast ports. None
of the testimony differed materially
from that introduced at the first hearing,
but it was presented in a different shape.

Prouty Wants Reasonable Rates.

Charles Donnelly, of St. Paul, assistant
chief counsel for the Northern Pacific,
handed the preliminaries for the rail-
roads and defended the coast rates as
being a compulsory recognition of water
competition which it was necessary to
make rates to meet. He announced that
the railroads were constructing a new
tunnel based on this competition and
that Counsel Holden, of the Burling-
ton line, expressed a desire that the
commission permit him to give the new
plan a trial. Commissioner Prouty did
not seem to enthrone over the proposal
and returned that the new tariffs would
have to be based on the reasonableness
of the rate.

Mr. Donnelly made a clear and com-
prehensive presentation of the railroad
side of the case, and the reason for Mr.
Holden's appearance was not at all
clear unless he wanted to come West
for a vacation.

At the opening of the session Attorney
Stephens announced that he would re-
present the business interests of Walla
Walla. In the afternoon, Mr. Turner
Oliver appeared for the La Grande
Commercial Club. The Merchants As-
sociation of New York, and the com-
mercial organizations of Boston, Philadel-
phia, Springfield and Worcester were re-
presented by Nathan Blair. The intro-
duction of distance, tariff and earnings
tables caused a discussion. Attorney
Cotton, of the O. R. & N., defending the
La Grande rate, which is higher than the
Spokane rate, on the ground that the
Spokane rate was too high.

Each Item Taken Up Separately.

In order to cover the ground thorough-
ly as they proceeded, both sides agreed to
the suggestion of Commissioner
Prouty to take up separately each item
mentioned in the supplemental complaint,
and the method of establishing rates
nearly 80 items on the list, and the
leader, agricultural implements, com-
menced nearly 30 minutes. It looked for
a while as though the hearing for Christ-
mas holidays would be a necessity.

Better progress was made later in the
day, an average of 20 per hour being dis-
posed of.

J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager of
the Northern Pacific, was the official
opponent or explainer of the rate, and
far as the hearing proceeded today
was able to give a very plausible reason
for nearly every item taken up.

In nearly all cases it was shown that
the higher rate complained of by Spo-
kane was due to water competition, mak-
ing a low rate to Portland, and Spokane
being obliged to pay the local rate
back to the interior. The alternative
being the failure of the railroads to
get any coast business. Attorney Step-
hens made but little protest at the high
world's methods for establishing rates,
but frequently called attention to the al-
luded fact that the freight on certain
commodities was in excess of the value
of the goods. He also pointed out that
the rates did not begin until this after-
noon and will probably run until Sat-
urday. The argument before the full
commission will begin Monday.

OTHER BANKS PAY LOSS

OKLAHOMA USES GUARANTY
FUND FOR PURPOSE.

Failure of State Depository Ties Up
Part of Fund and Causes
Levy.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 29.—
With a supply of money received from
the state guaranty fund, supplied by the
cash on hand in the bank, State Bank
Commissioner Young today paid about
40 depositors of the Columbia Bank &
Trust Company, which suspended yes-
terday, having in its care a large part of
the state guaranty fund and deposits of about
\$2,000,000.

Mr. Young refused to make any state-
ment as to the bank's condition to-
night, but a thorough investigation of its
assets. The report started today that
a number of state banks would resist an
assessment of 2 per cent on their capital
by the state to protect the Columbia
Company depositors was dispelled to-
night when the officials announced that
they had been assured of the support of
the state banks.

Interest throughout the state today was
intense. The Columbia Company was the
receiver for perhaps 120 other state banks
and had on deposit \$1,300,000 of their de-
posits. The failure in the application of
the guaranty law would mean ruin to
many of those and a financial panic in
the state.

The state banks that have made the
Columbia Bank & Trust Company their
Oklahoma reserve agent have agreed
not to join in the demand for their de-
posits. This reduces the state immediate
liability under the guaranty law to \$1,300,-
000.

The state has more than \$1,000,000 on
deposit in National banks that could be
transferred to state banks if necessary.

ELMORE BUYS MORE LAND

Waterfront Deal at Astoria Said to
Involve \$50,000.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—
Deeds were filed for record today where-
by the Pacific Sheet Metal Works and
the Astoria Wharf & Warehouse com-
pany sell to Elmore Elmore the frontage
of lots 1, 2 and 3, of block 2, McClure's
addition, a tract comprising 160 feet of
water frontage, extending from the rail-
way right of way to the ship channel,
a distance of approximately 600 feet. This
property is what is known as the Can
Company wharf, and includes the old can
factory building, as well as the two ware-
houses adjoining it.

The consideration named in the deeds
is purely nominal, being only \$20, but it
understands that the price paid was in the
neighborhood of \$50,000.

ASTORIA ELKS TO BUILD

Lodge Proposes to Expend \$40,000
for Club Home.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—As-
toria Lodge No. 28, B. P. O. E., at its
meeting last evening, adopted the pre-
liminary plans for its proposed new lodge
building. The structure, which is to be
either of pressed brick or concrete, will
be a basement and will cost in the neigh-
borhood of \$40,000.

The entire upper floor will be occupied
by the organization as lodge and club-
rooms.

Undesirable Fined \$300.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—A
man named H. Hansen, who has been a
denizen of the lower end of the city for
several months, was convicted in the Cir-
cuit Court today on a charge of vagrancy
and fined \$300 and costs, which he paid.

Special Sale This Week.

Exclusive new designs for hand-em-
bossed linens. The Needlecraft
Shop, 4th st., opposite Meier & Frank's

All Goods That Are Purchased on Credit Today Will Be Charged on Your October Account

Pearl Olds, Wortman & King

Thursday--- Housekeepers' Day
As Usual, Is

Offering Decided Economies in the Wanted Sort of House Needs

Sole Agents Royal Worcester BOSTON-ADJUSTO HOWD and LE BEAU Corsets

Sole Portland Agents Ladies' Home Journal Patterns---10c--15c

7c Bar

Lace Curtains UNUSUAL BARGAINS

If you don't take advantage of this sale and save on curtains for your home, you deserve the high prices that you'll have to pay elsewhere. If you'll look at the curtains, there's no question but that you'll be glad enough to buy. These cur-
tains come in Renaissance, Brussels, Arabians, Irish Points and Nottingham.

Pair.	Pair.
85c values, special... 55c	\$5.50 values, special... \$3.65
\$1.00 values, special... 65c	\$7.50 values, special... \$4.85
\$1.25 values, special... 85c	\$15.00 values, sp'l... \$9.00
\$1.50 values, special... 95c	\$23.50 values, sp'l... \$14.00
\$3.00 values, special... \$1.75	\$50.00 values, sp'l... \$31.00

AND INTERMEDIATE VALUES REDUCED IN PROPOR-
TION--SOME SLIGHTLY SOILED.

ORETONNES, 36 inches wide, handsomely figured, regularly 35c the yard; special at this very low price... 27c

CURTAIN MADRAS, in fancy colors; values up to 85c the yard; special for Thursday at this low price... 65c

CURTAIN MADRAS, in fancy figured designs; regu-
lar 60c values, on sale at the exceptionally low price of... 45c

Sale Bathroom Fixtures

Nickel Plated Tumbler Holders... 20c
Extra nickel plated Tumbler Holders,
on sale at this very low price... 38c
Towel Bars, 20-inch size... 35c
Towel Bars, 24-inch size, at only... 50c

Bathtub Soap Holders for only... 55c
Wall Soap Holders for only, each... 13c
Bathtub Seats at this low price... 35c
Nickel Plated Coat and Hat Hooks... 12c

Toilet Paper Holders at, each... 12c
Chafing Dishes, 5 o'clock teas, etc.; 5
o'clock Tea Kettles, pure copper, spe-
cially priced for this sale at... \$8.00

Copper 5 o'clock teas for only... \$7.70
Brass 5 o'clock teas for only... \$4.45
Copper Chafing Dishes for... \$7.20
2-quart Coffee Percolators for... \$2.90
1-quart Coffee Percolators for... \$2.15

Articles That Add Much to the Appearance and Conven-
ience of Your Bathroom, Priced So That You Ought to Buy

Stationery

Envelopes, fine smooth finish,
good quality. Regularly worth
10c the package, special today... 5c

Lead Pencils, with rubber tip;
fine for school use; special... 3c

Good Luck Note Books for stu-
dents, heavy paper back. Spe-
cial today at, each... 5c

Household Ammonia, in good
large bottles. Special today... 8c

Gloriously Beautiful Horse-
Show Wear in Great Array

Prepare for the annual fashion show and let your raiment be a credit to this
gathering of fair women and rich apparel that will be seen there. Have a "dif-
ferent" gown, one that bears the stamp of exclusiveness and originality, one
that other women can't help but admire. By all means, try on some of the
clever creations that were imported for your especial benefit. The style center
of the Northwest cordially bids all Portland welcome to inspect the line of ex-
clusive apparel on sale here for Horse Show Week.

Baby Week a Big Success

The six days of this sale will set a new record for
large selling in our infants' wear, and this is posi-
tive proof of the popularity of this section. Our
baby week sales have grown in volume because of
the superb quality of
the merchandise offered
and the always low
prices that rule on these

BABIES' HAND-MADE SLIPS
and short dresses, also long and short skirts;
regular values from \$2.00 up to \$12.50,
selling at... ONE-THIRD LESS

BABIES' OUTING FLANNEL
SKIRTS, special for this week at... 27c

BABIES' OUTING FLANNEL
PINNING BLANKETS, special... 27c

BABIES' OUTING FLANNEL NIGHT-
IES, in plain white, infants' size; 48c
65c values, special at... 48c

RECEIVING BLANKETS. Regular
\$2.25 values, special... \$1.89

DOMESTIC SLIPS, plain or fancy.
Regular values from \$1.00 to \$9.50;
special this week at... HALF PRICE

CHILDREN'S COATS, of white bed-
ford cord; \$1.75 to \$6 values... HALF

Cozy Juliets 99c a Pair

There's nothing that a woman wears more sug-
gestive of comfort and coziness than slippers
like these. Now that cool mornings are at
hand, 'tis wise to pre-
pare for them with a
pair of these slippers to
slip your feet into.

Splendid quality felt,
black, brown,
gray and red.
All are fur-
trimmed, and have hand-turned soles. We
also have a splendid black felt slipper
with pompon ornament. Come in all
sizes, and they are the grade usually
sold at \$1.50 pair; special today only... 99c

Outing Flannel 7c a Yard

For making Fall nightgowns, petticoats, children's
sleeping garments, nighties, etc., in striped or
checked patterns, light colors; special, yard, only... 7c

LONG CLOTH in pieces of 12 yards each; \$1.79
2000 pieces, on sale at this low price, each... \$1.79

FALL OPENING OF NEW TABLE LINENS—
BATHROBE FLANNELS, shirtwaist and kimono
flannels, at these very low prices, the yard... 85c
12 1/2c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and... 85c

A Great Special in the Art Department
CENTER PIECES, stamped on heavy ecru linen, designs are tint-
ed, showing the correct shades of silk to use in embroidering; regular
\$1.25 values; special at the remarkably low price of... 98c

WHEAT PRICE JUMPING

SHORTS SEND UP SEPTEMBER
MANY POINTS QUICKLY.

Sudden Stop of Bidding Causes a
Rapid Decline and Future
Is Doubtful.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—There
was a lively pace for the remaining
shorts in September wheat this morning.
They jumped the price, which was at
\$1.07 1/2, to \$1.07 3/4. The trade
was excited because it was believed
a line of 1,000,000 bushels or more had
to be covered.

Cash wheat here is 5 cents to 15 cents
over the level of futures, and will not be
passed around on delivery. It is too late
to get wheat from Duluth or any other
outside points, as September contracts ex-
pire tomorrow.

When the bidding of Slaughter, Puffer-
ford and other houses suddenly stopped
at \$1.07 3/4, there was the wickedest kind of
a break in a few minutes to \$1.04 1/2, on
the offering of a few "fives" in a showy way
in the pit.

Traders were not ready to predict what

September wheat might do before the
month ends, as related shorts may put
the price over \$1.10, or a settlement by
leading shorts might take off all pres-
sure and let the price back to \$1.02.

U. S. GETS 5-YEAR LEASE

Postoffice Substation No. 3 to Occu-
py Henry Building Space.

The Postoffice Department has taken
a five-year lease on the quarters in the
Henry block opening on Oak street. The
space leased occupies 3x30 feet and will
be used for the full term of five years
by Sub-Station No. 3, which has hereto-
fore been located in the Chamber of Com-
merce building.

The postoffice sub-station was moved
into its new quarters September 25 and
the room was the first of the ground
floor offices to be finished and ready
for occupancy. The lease has just been
consummated, but dates from September
1. Charles K. Henry, owner of the prop-
erty, declines to make known the terms
of the lease other than that it is to run
for a period of five years.

Free to Men.

Dr. Taylor's \$10,000 museum, now open,
admission free, 234 1/2 Morrison st., cor. 2d.

INDIAN GIRL DRIVEN ON DES-
ERT BY FATHER'S SLAYER.

Posse Pursues Desperate Plute on
Parched Sands—Young Buck
Kills Old Brave.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—
Somewhere on the Mojave desert, prob-
ably in the vicinity of White Water, the
young Indian, "Willie Boy," is driving
his captive sweetheart, whose father he
murdered in cold blood Monday morning
because of love for the girl.

Sheriff Wilson and 14 men, including
four deputies and a posse of citizens, have
been following the trail of the murderer
two days. The girl's condition is be-
lieved to be pitiable, as she left camp
barefoot, and it is thought that she and
her captor have been without food or
water all day.

A half-breed Deputy Sheriff, who came
into Riverside today from the chase,
stated that "Willie Boy" is a headshot
with a 30-30 and desperate. Sheriff Wil-
son is armed with a heavy Winchester

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