

NEED TO SHOW NEED OF REDUCTION

Difficulties of Competing With East Under Present Rates Emphasized.

O. R. & N. CASE NEAR END

L. Allen Lewis Tells Commission Railroads Have Been Raising Tariffs Eastward to Be Ready for Coast Competition.

Since the Panama Canal became a certainty, the railroads have been gradually raising their rates eastward from the Pacific Coast, that they might effectually meet the water competition when the canal is completed, according to a statement made by L. Allen Lewis, while testifying before the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday in behalf of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in its effort to get lower distributive rates over the O. R. & N. eastward.

The members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the exception of Charles A. Proudy, who returned yesterday morning and spent the day in listening to verbal evidence in behalf of the Portland merchants. The hearing of the O. R. & N. case is expected to be finished today, but the arguments will not be heard until after the commissioners return to Washington.

East Favored by Rates.

Mr. Lewis, who is a member of one of the largest wholesale grocery firms in the Northwest, and who is a member also of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, having formerly been chairman of the committee, was the chief witness in the hearing yesterday. He testified that the business of his firm had been crowded from Idaho and some other localities by a relatively higher rate on groceries having been established to those points from Portland than from other distributing points, which are further east.

W. W. Cotton, legal representative of the O. R. & N., tried to force Lewis to explain how much his business had increased since it had been limited to the smaller area he described, but J. N. Teal, attorney for the Chamber of Commerce, objected to this question on the ground that the commission had no right to inquire into private business affairs.

At this point the commission took its noon recess, and when it convened in the afternoon it was decided that Mr. Lewis should answer the question in a general way, so far as it applied to dealers of the city generally. Replying to this, Mr. Allen acknowledged that business had been good in Portland, and that he understood that in many instances firms had enjoyed incomes of as much as 20 per cent on the capital invested.

Cotton Asks About Income.

Attorney Cotton had argued, as an excuse for asking for this information, that as the country had enjoyed general prosperity for a number of years, it was only fair that the O. R. & N. should have been allowed to share in it. He wanted to know what income Mr. Lewis' firm enjoyed in 1908, and in reply to a similar question asked of him about the O. R. & N., he explained that the income of the company had been about eight per cent on the amount the company deemed the road to be worth.

When Herman Wittenberg was called to the stand in the afternoon he related a story which Mr. Cotton for having asked Mr. Lewis for the earnings of his firm on the amount invested, and trying to compare this with the earnings of the railroad company, based on the present value of the company's holdings, which includes the commercial value of the peculiar monopoly it enjoys, and not based on the amount invested by the company in its property. Mr. Cotton received this sharp criticism without offering any explanation.

Mr. Lewis said that the road had been discriminating in favor of the Eastern merchants, and had made it possible for smaller distributing centers to enjoy the same rates as Portland, the chief complaint he had to make against the company and the Oregon Short Line was that the rates generally were high, when compared with the earnings of the road.

In this sentiment Mr. Lewis had the support of other witnesses placed on the stand yesterday, and the hearing of the railroad case, based on the O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line, which were filed yesterday by Attorney Teal, seemed to confirm this.

Earnings of Roads Gain.

Mr. Teal presented statistics to prove, also, that the O. R. & N. and Union Pacific had greatly increased in earning capacity between 1908 and 1909. According to the figures prepared by the auditor of the O. R. & N., Mr. Teal showed that the gross earnings of the company during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, amounted to \$6,217,043.55, while for the year ending June 30, 1908, the gross earnings were \$5,988,263.75. In the two years involved in the comparison there had been little variation in the number of miles of road operated, for during the former fiscal year the mileage of the company was 1438, and during the last fiscal year it was 1460. There was also a mass of technical statistics regarding the amount of tonnage hauled and the physical conditions of the road.

In making comparisons in the rate for similar distances between O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line points and certain points on other roads, Mr. Teal presented striking differences. As an illustration of these numerous comparisons is the following, which comprises relative distances:

The distance by way of the O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line from Portland to Pocatello, Idaho, is given as 721 miles, and the average freight rate for that section of road is \$2.04 per hundred pounds, or \$0.00452 a mile, for the same amount. The average westward rates between St. Paul and Tular, Montana, a distance of 734 miles, is quoted at \$1.29 hundred pounds over the Northern Pacific Company's road.

From Portland to North Powder, a distance of 234 miles, the O. R. & N. has an average rate of \$1.07 a hundred pounds, while for a longer distance, from Minneapolis westward to Kempton, N. D., 235 miles, the Great Northern Railway has an average rate of only 52 cents a hundred pounds.

Compares Rates on Chairs.

A. J. Kingsley, a chair manufacturer of Portland, told the Commission that when he was in the same business in Grand Lodge, Mich., he had discovered that conditions in Portland favored the business here, and thus two years ago he began to operate a chair manu-

factory in this city. When he began to ship his product, however, he found that he could not sell it in the interior, owing to the advantage Eastern manufacturers had in the matter of rate westward. Thus only 5 per cent of his shipments go east of the Dalles. The advantage the Eastern firms have over him, Mr. Kingsley said, was a special commodity rate granted them for mixed carloads, while he could ship chairs only, and they had to go in less than carload lots, which was far in excess of the mixed carload rates from the Middle West. In this way it costs him to ship a dozen chairs to Twin Falls, Idaho, \$6.75, while from Michigan they can be shipped there for almost half that rate by taking advantage of the mixed carload schedule. The rates were equal from the Middle Western States to Idaho and Eastern Washington points, Mr. Kingsley said, but he said there was a 15 per cent difference in the cost of manufacturing in favor of the Middle West, where labor is cheaper than here.

Mr. Wittenberg told the Commission that he was chairman of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and that he was also a member of a chair manufacturing firm that had eight factories on the Pacific Coast.

Roads Could Stand Reduction.

Attorney Cotton tried to show him that for his line of goods Portland had better rates than does Salt Lake City, but in reply to this Mr. Wittenberg declared that this was not his complaint that Salt Lake had a better rate, or that any other Western city enjoyed a better rate, but he desired that Eastern sections had better rates westward than are enjoyed by Western cities in rates eastward. The earnings of the O. R. & N., Mr. Wittenberg said, permit of a material reduction, and that, more than anything else, was desired.

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BUSS GIVES UP CHURCH

Pastor With Militant Wife Will Be Sued for Rent Overdue.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special)—Rev. H. G. Buss yesterday gave the Baptist trustees the keys and possession of the Baptist church and parsonage, which he has held for the past several months. Mrs. Buss left several days ago for the East.

Since their trouble with the trustees June 3 services at the church have been stopped. Several days ago the trustees filed suit for rent due and for possession of church and parsonage. Rev. Buss has a suit pending, which is set for the November term of court, against the trustees for \$700 for salary and labor on remodeling the church.

Booster Work Brings Results.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special)—A special meeting of the citizens of Eugene has been called for Monday evening, October 13, to discuss promotion work for the coming year. Tom Richardson will be present and there is every prospect that the work will be continued as results have been eminently satisfactory.

Bad-Check Artist Dufur Farmer.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special)—O. B. Koplin, a farmer and wood-hauler, near Orchards, says a well-dressed

Blanche Bates Discovered in Role of Pianist and Composer

Versatile Belasco Star Chats About Her Former Home and the Changes Since She Was Last Here.

BY NANCY LEE.

BLANCHE BATES, Belasco's distinguished star, has been discovered in a new role, that of pianist and composer.

Four o'clock was the hour, the Portland Hotel the place, but the girl was missing. Feeling there was a misunderstanding, I glanced into the large drawing-room of the hotel and discovered the "girl of the Golden West" seated at the grand piano, absorbed with a pianissimo digital movement which she was jotting down on paper. Discovering an intruder, she at once desisted apologetically and thrust out a cordial welcoming hand. "Just talking an advantage of the moment to compose some music to accompany a gift." However, expressing surprise at this unknown accomplishment seemed superfluous, as Oregonians who claim her as part and parcel have long since ceased to marvel at the crescendo versatility of her art.

There is something so pathetically homesick about the question "And how does it seem to be back in Portland?" that a Billiken smile permeated my features when Miss Bates anticipated my query and with her easy adaptability swung into the tempo. "It's simply glorious to return to my native haunts," she said, "and the changes are remarkable. I have just come in from a pleasant visit to the golf links with Miss Flanders and Miss Louise Flanders and I was forcefully impressed with Portland's growth and building activities."

Miss Bates, who is athletic to a decided degree, insisted that we sit on a divan near the gallery to draw in the ozone of the Springlike October day, and thus ensconced we waxed forth in the coziness of chat.

Here is a face remarkably sensitive to changes of expression, impetuosity, and hands that tell of nervous force, an electric personality describes her perfect work, if not for a superb constitution, she would suffer direfully, as she works like a dynamo and bubbles over with enthusiasm. Her humor, which is deliciously keen, and potentially refreshing, is more expressive by her big brown eyes which frequently have an attack of spontaneous combustion.

When asked if she had brought her horses with her as on her previous visit in "The Darling of the Gods," she regretted that she had not, "but with a gustation of her hands, which is more with the rapidity of Pathe films, I am now absorbing a formidable array of books which I am carrying with me." A discussion then followed which proved how much enjoyment she derived from reading and I was at once impressed with her retentive memory, though her was far from attempting an assumption of awe-compelling erudition.

Blanche Bates is not a faddist, her gown as well as her manner denote that naturalness is the keynote her costume being severely simple, and nothing but her own hair on her head.

With utmost cordiality she inquired

VISIT'S SURPRISE

Assistant Postmaster Grandfield Drops Into Town.

OFFICIAL IS ON VACATION

Hitchcock's Right-Hand Man Calls Here Unexpectedly—Began in Minor Federal Position and Climbed to the Top.

Inheralded, First Assistant Postmaster-General Grandfield dropped into town yesterday, creating quite a stir in the Federal building by suddenly busting upon Postmaster Young's subalterns, who were not aware that the next man to Postmaster-General Hitchcock, like his chief, was away from the main head of postal authority. Postmaster Young had an intimation that Mr. Grandfield would visit Portland yesterday, but missed him at the train, the first Assistant Postmaster-General announcing himself in the Federal building while Postmaster Young waited at the depot.

Mr. Grandfield is enjoying a vacation and simply stopped in Portland for an hour or so on his way to Los Angeles, where he will visit his aged mother. He came here direct from a fishing trip with a friend in Wisconsin, declaring Portland charmed him 25 years ago, and that he could not get a glimpse of the city he has since admired for its magnificent postoffice record.

"I am perfectly astounded," said Mr. Grandfield when asked for his opinion of Portland compared to the city as he found it in 1884. "Portland is a marvelous. Twenty-six years ago, when quite a boy, I passed through Portland and spent the Summer at a logging camp near Rainier. I have not been in the Pacific Northwest since. I would like to pass a longer time in Portland but have taken a vacation principally to see my mother, now an aged woman, in Los Angeles, and if I prolong my visit here it would be taking time that belongs to her. For that reason I must forego the pleasure of a longer visit in Portland."

Mr. Grandfield had slight opportunity to view Portland, train-time and introduction to the heads of departments allowing him less than an hour for a sight-seeing trip. Postmaster Young called all the chiefs of departments among his subalterns to meet the right-hand man of Postmaster-General Hitchcock. Mr. Grandfield, short, plump, and forty was a half-fellow-well-met among them, and in the inner office of Postmaster Young, where the mail-men gathered, the laughs were many and hearty as the distinguished official told of his tasks as a postoffice clerk in his youth. He departed for the South on the 6-o'clock train.

Mr. Grandfield has been in the Postoffice Department service ever since 1885, two years after his first sight of Portland, his rise being steady from a minor position to the next to highest post in the Postoffice ladder.

When Mr. Hitchcock left his desk as First Assistant Postmaster-General to manage Mr. Taft's campaign, he was replaced by Mr. Grandfield. The election of Mr. Taft as President, and the subsequent appointment of Mr. Hitchcock as Postmaster-General, left Grandfield in the position he now holds.

Novel Idea Worked Out

Y. M. C. A. Originates New Plan in Educational Field.

A novel idea in the educational field has been originated by the Portland Young Men's Christian Association and is just being put into effect. It is the "meal ticket plan," in the way it is described by Educational Director French. It is a good deal of an experiment at present, but it is believed that it will be adopted by the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. in other cities.

The plan is simply to issue tickets good for a certain number of lessons in any desired branch. The card will closely resemble the usual restaurant meal ticket and when a lesson is taken the card will be punched. The purpose is to allow the student to be taken at his leisure instead of requiring attendance at certain regular periods.

The educational directors of the Y. M. C. A. explain that they are trying to get the best of men in many vocations who are compelled to be absent from the city a large part of the time. Timber cruisers, surveyors, railway mail clerks and men in other similar employments will be served by the new system. After they receive the tickets they will be expected to study during their spare time while out of the city and on their return will be given private lessons. Although officers of the association realize that the expenses of such a system will considerably exceed the tuition receipts, as is the case to the extent of the educational work, they believe that the benefits to be derived will fully justify the outlay.

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Three Pirates Fined \$25.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 12.—Chairman Hearn of the National Committee, announced last night that Manager Clarke, Leach and Camnitz, of the Pirates, had been fined \$25 each for talking back to O'Loughlin yesterday. These are the first

Nervous Dyspepsia And Neurasthenia

Weakness of the Nervous System Often Dependent Upon Long-Continued Indigestion.

Neurasthenia, also known as "nervous exhaustion," "nervous debility," and "chilly prostration," is a disease, which in these modern strenuous times is becoming more and more prevalent. It is a condition in which there is more or less marked and persistent loss of energy, together with considerable irritability.

Persons who suffer from this trouble are easily excited and irritated; cannot do as much work as formerly; are in attempting any mental effort, quickly become confused, and are unable to concentrate the attention. They also complain of insomnia, nervous indigestion, depression of spirits, and palpitation of the heart.

There is a general muscular weakness; the person cannot walk very far, and tires quickly on attempting physical exertion. There is a ringing in the ears; blurring of eyesight; headache and vertigo; specks floating before the eyes; and a general restlessness. The ability to sustain prolonged intellectual effort is interfered with, and the patient imagines he is losing his memory.

Neurasthenics continually watch for new symptoms, unconsciously exaggerate the old ones, attaching undue importance to them. Causeless fear is often suffered from; a dread of some impending danger; extreme tremulousness; dark forebodings; and hysteria. Sleep is not refreshing, and the person feels much more tired in the morning than at night. Horrible dreams and nightmares are usually complained of.

But by far the most prominent manifestation of Neurasthenia is Nervous Dyspepsia. In nearly every case, this disturbance of the stomach dominates the complaint. Cause and effect may be transposed, and dyspepsia may be the result of Neurasthenia, but often, indigestion is the original cause of the nervous condition. The nerves are simply "starved" because the stomach does not digest the food properly, and great quantities of food are absorbed from the stomach for their sustenance, any deprivation thereof is sure to cause nerve weakness.

The use of "nervine tonics" in this condition is a mistake; they merely stimulate, but do not rebuild nerve tissue. Completely digested food is the only true nerve tonic, and the best of all, and in the treatment of nervous exhaustion one should first cure the nervous dyspepsia, which is usually the origin of the trouble.

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man came to his place and ordered some cord wood, giving a check on the Vancouver National Bank, payable to Francis Marton, and signed by J. A. Learned. The check was for \$20 and when the stranger presented it to Mrs. Koplin, she gave him \$5 in change. Koplin lost his sack with wood and brought it to the city, but was unable to locate the man who had given his wife a check for \$20. The stranger was 30 years old, medium height, had dark brown hair, drove his car by a dark brown buggy with red running-gears.

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NIGHT SCHOOL TO OPEN

BOARD DECIDES TO BEGIN FALL TERM MONDAY.

Directors Also Plan Improvement of Lawns Surrounding Various Buildings.

The Board of Education met in special session yesterday afternoon to pass upon the payroll, and among other items of business discussed was the night school, which is one of the most important features of the public school system of Portland. It will be opened for the Fall term next Monday, and teachers will be elected by the Board at its regular meeting next Friday afternoon. The main night school, as usual, will be in Lincoln High School building.

A proposition to improve by grading and sowing grass and planting flowers

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