

ROADS' NEXT MOVE AGAINST SHIPPERS

Change of Tactics in Fight for Increased Freight Rates Is Plan.

LINES' EXPENSES HEAVY

Officials Tell of High Cost of Operation and Declare New Tariff Will Not Increase Profits to Very Great Extent.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Coinciding with the closing of the testimony for the Santa Fe system before the special examiners for the Interstate Commerce Commission and the statement from the roads' statisticians that the increases in freight rates asked would net the Santa Fe only \$94,000 increase yearly in earnings, there came a suggestion today that the railroads now on the defensive in the fight change their tactics and seek to compel the shippers to oppose the advance in the freight rates to declare how much they profit from the different commodities under consideration.

A request from Attorney F. J. Norton, counsel for the Santa Fe, for the names of the defendants in the shippers' suit represented at the hearing that he might question the shippers, gave color to the report.

When the initial presentation of the contents of the Santa Fe system was concluded, the hearing was transferred to the Rock Island road.

Table of Rates Shown.

The first witness at the afternoon session was W. A. Poteet, chairman of the Trans-Missouri Freight Bureau. He presented a compilation of the rates in effect in the territory west of the Missouri River. The tables showed both the class and commodity rates and included the years 1909 to 1908.

Attorney John H. Atwood, of the shippers, questioned Mr. Poteet concerning the method in which the rates were raised, and asked for the names of different representatives of the railroads, who were present when the order changing the freight rates was decided on.

Mr. Atwood also asked if the railroad representatives at that occasion considered an injunction issued by the Federal Supreme court in 1907 prohibiting any agreement on rates to be charged by the trans-Missouri roads. The witness answered that the injunction was not discussed or considered. Examiner Brown declared that the question was immaterial and had nothing to do with the case.

Rock Island Chief Questioned. President F. O. Melcher, of the Rock Island Company, was questioned by Attorney W. S. Dickinson, counsel for the road. He offered a table showing that increases in wages paid in the operating department of the road amounted in 1908 and 1907 to \$23,000; in 1907 and 1908 to \$14,000; in 1908 and 1909 to \$1,315,000; in 1909 and 1910 to \$1,453,000, and in 1910 and 1911 he estimated the increase would total \$2,455,000, and in 1912 the estimated increase would be \$2,612,000.

Mr. Melcher said that the road does not get more criticized than it does for increases. Some of the increases, he said, were the result of threatened strikes and some were granted after arbitration. "The argument advanced by the employees in 1906 for an increase," he said, "was that the roads were prosperous and the men wanted a 'chunk' of the prosperity."

Cost of Living Argument. In the later pleas for advanced wages the men argued that the cost of living had increased and for that reason demanded more money. Mr. Melcher also commented on the legislative measures that had increased the cost of operating the railroad.

"I do not object to the safety appliance law," said Mr. Melcher. "It is a great thing, but it does not save money. We have to have as many men as a train now as before the automatic brake was installed. The hours of labor bill is a very proper bill, but it has required more men and increased expenditure. Other required regulations have been good, but they all cost money to us, and the increased cost of operation. Altogether I should say that the increased volume of traffic has not kept pace with the increased cost of operation."

Equipment Is Talked Of. Mr. Melcher then discussed the cost of the increased size of rolling stock and the difference between steel and wooden cars, and declared that the better equipment which added to the cost of operation was the result of a demand from the public for improved facilities.

The hearing on the general increase was suspended and the examiners began consideration of a specific tariff of the Northern Pacific relating to an increase in rates from Portland, Or., to points in Eastern Oregon. Counsel for the railroad explained that the apparent increase in the back haul charges was really an equitable adjustment made necessary by the opening up of another line of the road, which worked a hardship to the Tacoma and Seattle shippers under present conditions.

The hearing of the main case will be resumed tomorrow morning when the Rock Island road will continue its presentation of evidence.

\$50,000 BONDS ARE VOTED

Springfield Will Make Many Public Improvements With Money.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The special election held today for the purpose of voting \$50,000 bonds resulted in a complete victory for those favoring the issue. Although only 187 votes were cast, 125 were in favor of the proposition, and the city has a warrant indebtedness of \$11,000 at present, and all warrants issued for some time were discounted 5 per cent and the city was compelled to pay 6 per cent interest on them for some time. A large amount of street work has been at a standstill, owing to lack of funds, but now the bond issue has been carried, it will give the city about \$40,000 with which to proceed with many improvements.

After paying all outstanding indebtedness it places Springfield among the most prosperous cities of the valley, and with its already large payroll, many men will find employment as soon as the public improvements begin, which will be at an early date, as parties already negotiating for the purchase of the bonds.

EMINENT ATTORNEY AND FORMER DIPLOMAT AGAINST WHOM DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS ARE BEGUN.



JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

HAWLEY SETS WORK

New Laws Proposed to Safeguard Forests from Fires.

TRIP TO COOS BAY BEGUN

Representative from First District Is Gratified at Many Assurances of Support and Confident of Re-election in Fall.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Expressing regret at the vast devastation caused by the recent forest fires in Southern Oregon, Representative Willis C. Hawley since his return to Salem, stated that he is now considering ways and means to prevent their recurrence. As he is a member of the committee on agriculture he will immediately take the matter up with the forest service and ascertain what laws are needed to reduce fires on the public domain to a minimum.

He has been on his regular annual trip through Lake Klamath, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas Counties, looking into the needs of his constituents. He left Monday for Coos County, where he will further continue his tour of the First Congressional District, which will include all of the district, and is preparatory to taking up his work when Congress again convenes.

Hawley Goes to Coos County. On Monday before leaving for Coos County and other points in Southern Oregon, he stated he was more than satisfied with the results of his trip and is positive that it will prove productive for a great amount of good to the counties which he had visited. He stated that it had also been exceedingly pleasant to him in every respect. While in the five counties he met hundreds of people and discussed with them matters in which he could be of service, and expressed himself as greatly gratified at the atmosphere of contentment and prosperity noticeable in every hand. While in Klamath Falls he met R. A. Hallinger, secretary of the Interior Department, and discussed with him plans for the improvement of the Crater Lake National Park and the early completion of the Klamath irrigation project. In addition he investigated with the secretary the plan to open the Klamath Indian reservation to settlement, and states that all of these measures will receive the consideration of Congress at the next session.

Relative to the political situation in the First District, Mr. Hawley said: "While I am now making my tour to inquire into the needs of the people in the First District and by personal observation acquainting myself with these needs, yet I have not been neglecting my own welfare, and I find that things political are most satisfactory."

Promises of Support Gratified. "Without fear of contradiction, and with all due respect to the able men who have represented the First District in Congress, I think it is proper to say that the session just closed has been most successful for Oregon and the people know it and appreciate the results. I have everywhere received hundreds of assurances of active support, not only in person in the counties so far visited, but by letter and otherwise from other counties in the district. The situation is most gratifying, and I feel sure of re-nomination and re-election by a substantial majority."

"I found all Southern Oregon on the eve of a great development, and the people are busy with their fruit and grain and other business, everywhere being evidences of the greatest prosperity."

PARKER DEFENDS DECISION

Ex-Judge Replies to Roosevelt's Criticism of Courts.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Judge Alton B. Parker, who wrote the prevailing opinion of the Court of Appeals of New York in the "Baker" case, mentioned of which was made by Theodore Roosevelt in his

recent address to the Colorado Legislature, in which the ex-President criticized the Supreme Court of the United States, made the following statement today in defense of the Supreme Court: "It is safe to assert that the attack on the Supreme Court of the United States by Mr. Roosevelt in his address to the Legislature of Colorado will not be approved by bench and bar and thoughtful people of this country, who appreciate the importance of the judiciary in our governmental system, and the necessity for a continuance of existing public confidence in and affection for our courts."

"Every judge in every court gave to this important question his best effort, which is strongly evidenced by the differences of view of the members of the several courts. That fact should be quite sufficient to protect the greatest court in the world from offensive criticism from any source, and especially from one who heretofore manifested his dissatisfaction with a department of government with opportunity to be heard before Commissioner Prouty, who leaves here tomorrow for Spokane."

Beginning September 15, Commissioner Prouty will conduct hearings open to shippers, railroad officials, commercial organizations and anyone else interested in these two big rate cases and hearings will be continued until all who desire have been heard pro and con. It may require a week or more to dispose of these hearings. Commissioner Prouty said today it was his purpose to collect all new evidence, protests and complaints relative to these two decisions, so that when the Commission takes up these cases next winter for final decision it will have a full and complete record before it and will understand the attitude of all interested parties. Prouty understands that several Portland parties will appear and participate in these hearings along with others from Seattle and San Francisco.

MR. BARNES IS SHOCKED

VICE-PRESIDENT AFFRONTED, SAYS NEW YORK LEADER.

Lloyd C. Griscom, However, Explores That Mr. Sherman Is Made Tool of One Faction.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The announcement of friends of Colonel Roosevelt that they will offer his name to the state convention in opposition to that of Vice-President Sherman for the temporary chairmanship caused much discussion in the Republican State Committee rooms when William Barnes, Jr., dropped in from Albany today to confer with Chairman Woodruff. The state chairman had nothing to say, but Mr. Barnes said:

"I am shocked to learn that certain forces in the Republican party in this state contemplate an attempt to undo the action of the State Committee in recommending Vice-President Sherman to be temporary chairman of the state convention. Such a proceeding as this, threatening affront to the man between whom and the Presidency of the United States there stands but a single demarcation and defeat by the convention."

Lloyd C. Griscom, to whom President Taft recently addressed his letter in regard to the selection of temporary chairman, made the following statement this morning when he learned what Mr. Barnes had to say:

"No one deplores more than I that the Vice-President of the United States should have permitted his name to be used in an effort to perpetuate the power of a particular faction of the Republican party in this state or that he should have disregarded the advice of the President to consult with Mr. Roosevelt. I still confidently hope that Mr. Sherman and his best friends will see that he cannot accept any production, surrounded by such deceit. Mr. Barnes and his friends have drawn Mr. Sherman into an untenable position and I can well understand that they would like to make further use of him."

"PUNKIN' SHOW" DATE SET

Junction City Fair to Send Exhibits to Eugene.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Junction City is to have a "Punkin' Show" September 16 and 17. These dates were set so as to enable the managers to send exhibits to the county fair at Eugene, to be held September 21 to 24. The display will consist of vegetables, grain and fruit, with the pumpkin as the main feature.

Premiums and cash prizes have been offered for farm products, sewing, fancy work, art, flowers and culinary productions. The largest prize known to be given for a pumpkin has been offered by one firm, a \$50 range for the largest pumpkin on exhibition at the show. Another prize will be a \$20 kitchen cabinet, for the best loaf of bread, by the Junction City Flour Mill.

Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agriculture College, will conduct a farmers' institute September 15.

JOSEPH CHOATE ACCUSED

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the possession of Walter Weston in 1885. Mr. Choate is also charged with alleged failure of his firm to account for about \$1000 collected by a receiver for the sale of certain business.

AVIATOR CURTISS WINS NEW HONORS

Own Trans-Water Record Broken by 60-Mile Flight Over Lake Erie.

HIGH SPEED MAINTAINED

Eight-Cylinder Machine in Which He Made Trip Down Hudson Is Used—Return Voyage Will Be Tried Today.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 31.—Glenn H. Curtiss, of Hammondsport, N. Y., today established a new record for over-water flights by traveling over Lake Erie from Eshelb beach, nine miles east of this city to Cedar Point, O., approximately 60 miles distant. The announced time was one hour and 15 minutes.

Ascent Made in Fog.

After waiting two days for favorable conditions, Curtiss at 1:06 P. M. ascended and immediately headed his aeroplane westward to Cedar Point. He was out of sight in the fog off shore before the spectators were aware that he was engaged in his record-breaking flight.

All during the flight Curtiss had a 12-mile breeze against his back.

Fast Time Is Made. The aviator's own estimate of the time was 1 hour, 15 minutes. His average speed was 45 miles an hour, although one stretch of 20 miles was covered at a rate of a mile a minute. He intends to return tomorrow morning.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 31.—All parties having criticism or suggestions to offer with reference to the tentative decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Spokane rate case and the Portland-Puget Sound back-haul case will have full opportunity to be heard before Commissioner Prouty, who leaves here tomorrow for Spokane.

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RANDS IS MADE EXAMINER

Oregon City Man Secures Position in General Land Office.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 31.—Ernest P. Rands, of Oregon City, was today appointed examiner of surveys in the General Land Office service.

A general civil service examination will be held September 21 to fill vacancies in the position of trained nurse at Salem, Or.; Port Hall, Idaho, and several other Indian schools. Positions pay \$600 per annum, and are restricted to women.

NORTH YAKIMA GROWS FAST

Washington City Increases 346.5 Per Cent in Ten Years.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 31.—The population of North Yakima, Wash., the home of Senator Jones and the heart of Washington's great fruit district, increased 346.5 per cent between 1900 and 1910, according to announcement made by the Census Bureau today.

This is by far the greatest percentage of gain of any city whose population has thus far been announced, and may prove to be the high water mark for the country.

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'PROGRESSIVES' IN LEAD

LOS ANGELES PAPER SAYS REGULARS LOSE DELEGATES.

California Republican Convention to Be Controlled by New Wing Is Declaration.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31.—That the progressive Republicans will control the state convention at San Francisco September 6 is claimed by the Evening Express in a story which it prints today in its news columns.

The Express says: "There will be 425 delegates in the convention, of whom 215 will be a majority. The 'progressives' already have 212, or 57 more than a majority, with other counties to hear from. The progressive delegates are as follows: Los Angeles County leads with 83, San Francisco 66, Alameda 45, Santa Clara 36, Fresno 13, Riverside 6, Orange 3, Santa Barbara 2, Ventura 2, Amador 2, Eldorado 1, Humboldt 1, Imperial 1, Madera 1, Nevada 2, Placer 3, San Joaquin 3, San Luis Obispo 2, Shasta 2, Tulare 5, Yuba 2, total 272."

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NAVY WANTS COAST COAL

Tests to Be Made to Discover Suitable Western Product.

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Sept. 22 To Denver and other Colorado points.

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