

COGNITION WINS LOW-RATE BATTLE

Southern Pacific Must Make Big Cut in Willamette Valley Tariffs.

SHIPPERS WILL BENEFIT

Unless Case is Delayed by Technicality Freight Rates Will Be Down as Result of Decision of Judge Bean.

Unless the Southern Pacific Company succeeds in building up on a technicality, its case in the Federal Court against the Oregon State Railroad Commission over Willamette Valley freight rates, a cut from 2 to 49 per cent of the class freight rate must be made at once.

Action Taken in September.

The low rates were ordered by the Railroad Commission last September, after a hearing at which the class freight rates, then in force, to be unjust, unreasonable, excessive and discriminatory. When the railroad company brought suit for an injunction to restrain the commission from enforcing the rate, and the court refused to grant it, the railroad was obliged to put up a bond of \$50,000 to insure shippers against a default. Since that it has been giving rebates.

Rates Alleged Too Low.

In its suit the railroad alleged that lower rates are unfair, causing it to operate at a loss. In his decision Judge Bean says the railroad company denigrated its receipts for 1909 to have been \$7,104,951, and asserted that these would be reduced by \$274,931.80 should the lower rates take effect. But attorneys for the railroad afterwards admitted, says Judge Bean, that there was an error in the footing, and that the actual estimated reduction in the receipts would be only \$14,674.48 annually.

Showing Declared Insufficient.

"On this showing," continues the court, "it certainly cannot be consistently said that the earnings of the complainant will be afforded but slight compensation above the cost of service, or that the order of the Commission is confiscatory, or that the rates fixed by the Commission will not afford a fair return on the value of the property. There is no statement as to the cost of conducting state business by the railroad, nor as to the difference between freight and passenger expense."

Committees Are Named.

Deputy City Auditor Grutze read the list of committee appointments as announced by the Mayor. These are: Rules and order of business—Meets at 2:30 P. M., Friday Board meeting day—D. S. Cohen, Waldemar Seton, George Hornby. Fire committee—Meets 4 P. M., Thursday preceding Board meeting day—W. H. Fitzgerald, R. O. Rector, C. A. Bigelow. Sewers—Meets 3 P. M., Thursday preceding Board meeting day—John Perry, John B. Coffey, Dr. H. C. Fixott. Street cleaning—Meets 3 P. M., Thursday preceding Board meeting day—W. H. Fitzgerald, R. O. Rector, C. A. Bigelow. Current expenses—Meets 2:30 P. M., Board meeting day—H. C. Fixott, John Perry, M. J. Murnane.

FLIGHT TESTS SUCCESS

Salem Aviators Will Hold Meet Cherry Fair Week.

SALEM, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—The attempt to fly the new Taylor-Huddleston aeroplane, which has been constructed in this city, amply demonstrated that the machine can fly, although there was nothing spectacular about any of the short low flights.

DAILY OUT OF COMMITTEE

No Appointment Made to Fill Vacancy on Charter Board.

Will H. Daly has tendered to Mayor Rushlight his resignation as a member of the charter committee of 15, recently named by ex-Mayor Wilson. Mr. Daly had previously announced his intention of resigning, but waited until the new Mayor took office before doing so.

SUFFRAGIST SEES GAIN

Mrs. Mary Arkwright Hutton, of Spokane, Here.

Hope to Send Two Women to Washington Legislature Expressed. Progress of Movement Told.

WOMAN MAKES FIRST FLAG IN PORTLAND HALF CENTURY AGO.

MRS. P. E. BILLS AND FLAG.

Today, when so many flags are waving in the city where 1,000,000 roses bloom, a sweet-faced old lady sits sunning herself on the veranda of her home. She thinks of another July, half a century ago, when Portland was but a village and boasted of but one flag, a flag made painstakingly by this same old woman. This woman is Mrs. P. E. Bills, who has lived here since 1851. She is called "grandma" by those who know her best.

"You see it was hard to get any kind of goods in those days (1851) but I was anxious to make a flag," said Mrs. Bills, telling of how she made the first flag in Portland. "I knew a sailor, so I got some goods from him. The red was all-wool delaine. The blue was of marine, about a yard square. The seafoam I could get was a light cream delaine. I sewed the stripes together, then cut out the stars and sewed them on the blue marine, then I cut out the goods under the stars so they would show on both sides.

NEW REIGN BEGUN

Mayor Rushlight Names Heads of Committees.

Mayor Rushlight presiding, John B. Coffey heads the police committee, C. A. Bigelow the fire committee, R. O. Rector the bridge committee and W. H. Fitzgerald the street committee.

OATHS OF OFFICE TAKEN

Slover Is Confirmed as Acting Police Chief and Hariburt Is Appointed City Engineer—Short Session Is Held.

In a five-minute session at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the machinery of the new city government was set in motion for the ensuing term. Mayor Rushlight presiding, John B. Coffey heads the police committee, C. A. Bigelow the fire committee, R. O. Rector the bridge committee and W. H. Fitzgerald the street committee.

BIRD PROTECTION IS CRY

COLD SPRINGS RESERVOIR IS MADE NATIONAL PRESERVE.

Government Official Says Hunting and Fishing Is to Be Absolutely Prohibited for Three Years.

HERMISTON, Or., July 3.—(Special.)

F. M. Dille, special agent of the biological department of the United States Department of Agriculture, spent several days here this week in connection with his work. The big Cold Springs reservoir, which is a national bird preserve, is a National bird preserve.

ROUSE SAVES EX-BANKER

DEPOSITOR WITH GUN WANTS CASH FOR FORTH.

President of Defunct Vancouver Bank Calls Police When Demand Is Made.

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FORCES ARE JOINED

Suburbs Work Together to Attain Common Ends.

SLOGANS FORWARD CAUSE

Mount Tabor Helps Montavilla to Get Carnegie Library, Compartment Will Be Returned in Securing Park Betterment.

Who are we? Who are we? Who are we? We've come down to Montavilla to help you get from Carnegie the thing you seek—A library—see. Oh, boost Mount Tabor Park. Boost Mt. Tabor Park, do it now! Boost Mt. Tabor Park, do it now! While you're bappy as a lark. Boost Mt. Tabor Park, do it now!

TASK OF RECLAIMING GARDEN OF EDEN IS HUGE.

Undertaking Second in Engineering Magnitude Only to Building of Panama Canal.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 1.—(Special.)—Next to the Panama Canal, the greatest engineering feat in the world's construction camps today is the irrigation of the desert of Mesopotamia. Sir William Willcocks, who has surveyed the region for three years, is convinced it is the original Garden of Eden, and he promises when a regular supply of water once more reaches the arid zone that it will blossom like the rose and be worth at least \$50,000,000. Then there will be more apple trees to beguile the myriad descendants of Adam and Eve who will flock to take up homesteads.

BEETLE PEST IS CHECKED

GOVERNMENT FIELD MEN SAY DANGER IS SMALL.

Yellow Pine in Eastern Oregon Reported to Have Suffered Heavily Last Season.

DWARF SHOWS STOPPED

125 Lilliputians in Paris Prevented From Giving Performance.

BERLIN, July 1.—(Special.)—A demonstration by 125 dwarfs took place the other day outside the Sport Palace in the Potsdamstrasse. The management of the Sport Palace had collected these tiny performers from all parts of the world and had concluded contracts with them to appear for three months. All put in an appearance, but were faced by closed doors, at an intimation that the contracts could not be fulfilled, as the police authorities had refused permission for the performances to be given in the Sport Palace.

COOS FARMERS HAVE INSTITUTE.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—Farmers of Coos County will have an opportunity this month to attend farmers' institutes conducted by professors from the state agricultural colleges. There will be institutes at Myrtle Point, Coquille and Marshfield on July 18, 19 and 20. Dairying general agriculture and livestock husbandry will be discussed.

CHERRIES UNHURT BY RAIN.

SALEM, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—After investigating for several days to determine the exact condition of the crop in this section has not been hurt by the rains and the entries for the Cherry Exposition to be held in the next week are larger than ever before and are growing daily.

COTTON CROP BEST IN HISTORY.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Official estimates of the cotton crop of 1911 indicate that it will be the largest in the history of the country, approximately, according to the present figures, 14,425,000 bales of 500 pounds each, exceeding by almost 1,000,000 bales the record crop of 1904.

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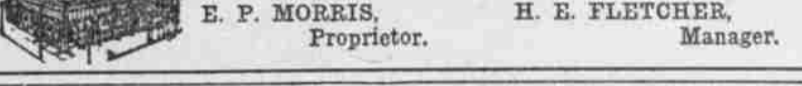
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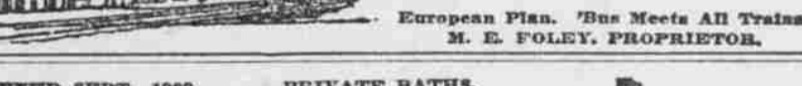
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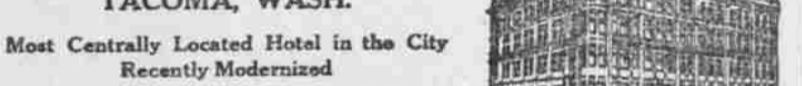
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Miss Millie Schloth, swimming instructor of the Y. W. C. A., will have charge of the swimming exhibitions in Gearhart Natatorium during season. Miss Schloth will also give instructions in swimming and diving.

THROUGHS SEE FETE

Tacoma's Carnival Opens With Brilliant Pageant.

Governor Hay Will Be Present at Crowning of Queen in Stadium. Floral Parade Is Feature of Four-Day Programme.

TROOPS TO BE REVIEWED

Stream of Whisky Afire.

TACOMA, Wash., July 2.—(Special.)—A crowd, conservatively estimated at 50,000 persons, of whom probably 10,000 were visitors from other cities, witnessed a spectacular dash by a stream of burning whiskey running from the flame-swept building into the Cromarty Fifth.

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