IVESTIGATION OF **RAIL RATES OPENS**

Data Assembled for Detailed Hearing of Distance Tariff Controversy.

TRADE HEADS TO ATTEND

State Commission Will Determine of Contention That Smaller Towns Should Have Better Distributing List.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 14 .- (Special)-With a small mountain of plats and especially prepared tables in readiness, with all of its engineers called in and nise of attendance of members of the Washington Commission, as well as neumers and railroad men, the State Railroad Commission tomorrow will start what promises to be the most momentus hearing in the history of Oregon railroads when it will pass on the distance tariffs of the O.-W. B. & N. the Southern Pacific and the Corval-

Miesge of these roads cover practiculty all of the important railroad istrictory in the state, and while it is probable that when the question is settled by the commission it will be carried to the highest courts, nevertheless the start temsorrow will be the heginning of one of the higgest wholesale rate probes that the state has known.

Commissioners Lawrence and Jones, Commissioners Lawrence and Jones, of the Washington Commission, with Nutistician Calderhead, have both signified their intention of being present. All of the commercial bodies intorested along the tracks of all of the lines parties to the hearing have been tuvited to send representatives to furnish issumony, and it is expected there will be an exedus of general officers of the removative communics. respective companies from Portland toward the Capitol tomorrow, Unit Schedules Compiled.

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Engineers Earle, Wells and Newell, of the commission's staff, are here, after spending months in investigating the conditions on the roads and have prepared the most comprehensive property of the most comprehensive problem, plats and estimates, that have so far been obtainable. Engineer Starle and Consulting Engineer Newell have had charge of securing the estimates on the roproduction cost of the physical properties, while Engineer Wells has been examining the right of Sanith Talks on Important Sanited Reform Early Clerks.

Under this phase of the investiga-tion it will be determined whether these towns are so situated and their husiness is of such a nature as to war-rant a lower rate than that provided by an ordinary distance tariff.

Water Competition Pactor. petition will be a vital one during the epurse of the hearing. The question as to just what extent water competition is to be most will be inquired into with agreat care. If it is decided that such eater competition should be met then the commission will have the additional problem on its hands of determining how far the benefits of that water competition should be projected to points beyond these which are directly

points beyond those which are directly affected by such water competition.

The O.-W. R. & N. distance tariff is the same as the one observed in Washington. The distance fariff is that state was put into effect several years ago by the Washington Commission, but it has never proved satisfactory, according to statements of the Commissioners, and since then numerous hearings, have been held to secure a readjustment. been held to secure a readjustment. The railreads have centended that the illetance rates for short milesge bauls have been low enough as compared with rates elsewhere and as to the cost

Chairman Altchison states that he hopes there will be a remity response from the consumers to the invitation to be present, as it is essential, especially in relation to the plans proposed by Medford and Baker, to secure statements as to the desires of such con-

The Commission takes the stand that the Medford and Baker propositions relative to commodily and distributory frates are plane which will tend ultimately to work hardestips on the consumers should they be put into effect, as it will necessitate the consumer paying

pointed speeches were made by mem-bers of the Council to criticism of the recent action of Mayor E. H. Hartwig in refusing to sign warrants drawn in payment of the salary of City Attorney

A. J. Derby.

With but a single exception, the Councilmen in turn addressed the meeting and each attacked the city's chief executive. Words were not minced and Mayor Hartwig was frankly told that it was thought by his fellow city officials that he was using every attempt to block the municipal water system, for which public opinion is so strongly in favor.

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Mr. Hartwig explained that he refused to sign the warrants in payment
of Judge Derby's salary because of the
fact that the City Recorder had im-

fact that the City Recorder had improperly drawn them on the city's general fund, when they should have been drawn on segregated funds.

As a result of the failure to receive payment for his official duties, Judge Derby and Jesse Stearns, of Portland, who have been representing the city in the special condemnation suit against the Pacific Power & Light Company for the acquisition of the local water plant, these attorneys have resigned for the acquisition of the local water plant, these attorneys have resigned their positions and the city is without attorneys to conduct the case before the Supreme Court.

The subject was referred to the judi-ciary committee of the Council for ad-justment with the attorneys.

YOUNG "HOBO" RATTLED

GOBLE SAYS LARGE MAN BEAT COMPANION ON CAR TOP.

Dared From Beating He Himself Received, Youth Remembers Little About Tragedy.

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 14.—Cross-ex-amination of Harry Goble, the Tacoma youth, who was a companion of George Vallier, was resumed today in the trial of Daniel Fleming for the alleged mur-der of Vallier. Goble said he was "ratder of Vallier. Gobie said he was "rattheless the start tomerrow will be the
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Passenger Hearing Pending.
On the O.-W. R. & N. and the Southsrn Pacific the hearing will relate only
to freight rates, as a passenger rate
solusiment has been reached on the
former road and the question of a passenger rate adjustment on the Southern
Pacific is still pending in the courts On
the Corvallis & Eastern the hearing
will affect both passenger and freight
rates.

inquisitor.

"No, sir," Goble replied. He explained that he remembered little of what occurred on the night of the tragedy because he was still dazed from the blow he himself had received from the 'large man," who, he said, had beaten Vailler.

Paul Davis, a newspaper reporter, testified that when the train stopped at the Redding depot he saw a brake-

at the Redding depot he saw a brake-man with a lantern climbing to the top of the cars near the front of the train. Leoking further back on the train, Davis said, he saw a big man, whom he

BRIDGE FIRES TACOMANS FARMERS GAIN CITY ALLY

Controversy Over New Span Pinally Seattle Firm to Help Growers Mar-

TACOMA, Wash, Nov. 14.—(Special.)
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Bankrupt Mechanics Entitled to Oregon 'Aggles' Department Aroused Keep Tools, Rules Judge.

TACOMA, Nov. 14.—When a mechanic declares himself a bankrupt he is en-titled to exemptions not only on all his

CHEHALIS COUNCIL ARRAYED FOR TIFF

Dispute of Membership Right Settled When Mayor Takes Official Action.

EJECTMENT ORDER PASSED

Charles Deickman, Whose Scat Was Declared Vacant Because of Absence, Reinstated and New-Elect Is Relegated.

CHEHALIS, Wash, Nov. 14 .- (Spe-(al.)-Surrounded by an array of legal talent such as never before gathered in the City Hall, and with Sheriff Urquhart and City Marshal Doyle in attendance, the Chehalis City Council met last night after an interregnum covering almost a month. The Council chambers, the clerk's office and the large hallway adjoining were crowded with spectators. Mayor Gingrich presided and there were present Councilmen Green, Sullivan, West, Fechiner and Callison, members as to whose qualifications there is no ques-tion; and Charles Delckman, over whose right to sit as a member of the city lawmakers the bitter contention has arisen.

A. C. St. John also was present. He

was recently elected to fill Mr. Delek-man's place by the votes of three members, West, Fechiner and Calilson, after the Delekman seat had been de-

of the attorneys for the former, who gave as their excuse their statement that Delckman refused to expedite matters by waiving the regulation 20-

corded and Mayor Gingrich refused to permit it. Mr. St. John was ordered outside the rail despite the protests of himself and Mr. Callison as to his

Mr. Callison protested against Mr. Delokman's name being permitted on the rollcall, but the Mayor refused the protest and Mr. Delokman's vote was

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spelled the word right and so won for his side. his side.

F. A. Frazer, of the agriculturists, spelled "palatial" correctly, winning for the agriculturists, while H. W. Russell substituted an "I" for the middle "a" and so terminated the chances of the commercial department. The two win-ning teams have gone into strict train-ing and a battle royal is anticipated when they come together for the finals, which event will take place tomorrow.

SMOOTH-SURFACE STREETS ARE MENACE, IS DECLARED.

Spokane Humane Officer Tells Benefits of Organization in Fight for Protection of Animals.

Projection of Antmals, the saw a big man, whom he for the commissioner and investigating the conditions on the routs and have any conditions on the routs and have a break of the conditions on the routs and have a break of the conditions on the routs and have a break of the conditions on the routs and have a break of the conditions on the roproduction cost of the physical properties, while Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction cost of the physical properties, while Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction cost of the physical properties, while Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction cost of the physical properties, while Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction cost of the physical properties, while Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction cost of the physical properties while Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction cost of the physical properties of the Provided Antonian Engineer Verilla have on the roproduction of the Provided Antonian Engineer Provided Antonian Engi

such legislation as will be just and fair and to the interest of the members, with special reference to sanitary reg-ulations and restrictions concerning barns, street paying and improvement." After deciding that the organization After deciding that the organization should be nonpartisan in every way temporary officers were selected and committees appointed to canvass every horse owner in the city for membership. The next meeting will be held at the Commercial Club next Tuesday

reconciliation and a renewal of youthful love and affection are effected.

A new attraction at the Majestic is
Miss Leona Frances, who possesses a
beautiful soprano voice. This week she
is singing "The Swallows" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Another good number is furnished by Miss
Florence Evana, who sings "Gee, It's
Flerce to Be a Girl."

"The Higher the Fewer" is the title
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"The Higher the Fewer" is the title of a film depicting an elopement in an aeroplane. "The Convict's Song." an Ambrosio importation, is a drama depicting the reverles of a convict. Formerly he had been a happy peasant. First he is shown in the fleids, happy and care free. Then the blow falls. His prison life, with all its indignities, is shown in detail.

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Rose City Park League Goes on Record Against Ordinance.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Rose City Park League last night asking that the Council let the contract for the improvement of Sandy boulevard to the Warren Con-

the contract for the improvement of Sandy boulevard to the Warren Construction Company, in accordance with the petition filed. It was announced that bids from three paving companies had been received and it was decided to send a large delegation to the meeting of the street committee next Friday.

The league also will endeavor to secure a franchise for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on Sandy boulevard, and have it separated, if possible, from other franchises the company is asking.

A communication from the East Side Business Men's Club, asking the league's co-operation in setting the auditorium on the East Side, was laid on the table, as the league had already gone on record favoring the site at Morrison and Nineteenth streets. On motion of J. W. Travers, seconded by C. B. Merrick, a resolution was adopted disapproving the ordinance introduced in the Council to require the streetcar company to give a 3-cent car fare.

GOOD ROADS DISCUSSED

68 Washington Commissioners Hold Convention in Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash, Nov. 14 .-(Special.)—Sixty-eight Commissioners, representing nearly every county in Washington, are meeting here today and tomorrow in their annual convention, the principal topic of discussion being good roads. A luncheon at Stubbeing good roads. A luncheon at Stub-biefield Home and a banquet tonight are the social features of the conven-

tion.
State Engineer Wright talked today on asphalt binding for macadam roads; State Railway Commissioner Lawrence spoke on good roads and railroads, and State Tax Commissioner Frost spoke on the tax system of the state.

Frost said Washington stood alone in primitive methods of taxation.

The discussions will be continued tomorrow and the resolutions committee will make recommendations for legislation.

November 22, 8 P. M.; Sellwood, StrahlSunnyèlde, Ford's Hall, Monday, November 20, 8 P. M.; Woodstock, Woodstock, Hall, Tuesday, November 21, 8
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