COMMISSION GIVES

State Body Consents Only to Short Delay on Tariff Hearings.

CASES CONSIDERED VITAL

Decision on Distance Rates Will Be Far-Reaching - Chairman Aitchison Tells Attitude of Oregon Organization on Matter.

SALEM Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—On request of representatives of the raliroads involved the State Raliroad Commission through Chairman C. B. Altchison has finally consented to a short
postponement on its final decision in
the famous distance tariff hearings to
listen to arguments by General Traffic Manager Milier and Attorney Spencer, of the O.-W. R. & N., and will
listen to them next Tuesday.
An affort to accure further time resitted in failure today and Mr. Altchison demanded arguments on Tuesday.
The distance tariff cases are considered the most vital ever passed on
by the Raliroad Commission of this
state. The decision of the commission
in these cases will be far reaching and
of the utmost import.

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The adjustment of a distance tariff, on any line is a matter of importance, and yet it is a delicate function. We have consulted with the interestate Commerce Commission, under the authority of the Oregon act, which specifically gives us the right to consult with the interestate commission and the railroad commissions of other states on have matters realizing to railroads.

Conferences Have Purpose.

ciples and seeing that we each have a full grasp of the facts, and no at-tempt has been made to reach any agreement as to rates to be fixed in concert. Such action, no doubt, would be in violation of the Federal Consti-

We are free to say that while we are "We are free to say that while we are in accord with the Washington commission in many matters, we cannot agree with it in its policy of announcing certain cliles which are to be taken as distributing centers; neither as a matter of policy nor of power under our act do we think we have such authority. By reason of the elimination from consideration of any attempt to equalite artificially trade conditions, the problem, as we view it, is the establishment of a distance tariff to be observed as a maximum, and which is the limit the carrier can charge as a the limit the carrier can charge as a reasonable rate. Such will be the general culline of the order of the Oreson commission, though, as stated, its dotails have not yet all been worked

"The carriers and many shippers inged that the Oregon rates be put in at the same time as the interstate and Washington state rates, March I. Wewantington state rates, March I. We bould make our rates effective earlier than that, but whether the confusion that might result would make it worth while for the make of guining a little line, is a question we have not yet

MEDFORD GIRL IS FOUND?

Report Current That Oakland, Cal., Authorities Located Miss Darling.

MEDFORD, Or. Jan. Z.—(Special.)— ecriving another report that Nora-arting the 17-year-old girl who disap-sared from Medford three months ago. peared from Medford three months ago, bad bees found, this time by the police of Cakland. Cal. Constable Singler left senight for that city to investigate the citie. This is the second time the girl has been reported found, the first report coming from Suhl, Idaho, where Mrs. Margaret Darling, the mother of the young woman, is now living.

Mrs. Darling has been informed of the recent report and is preparing to make the trip to Cakland upon receipt of confirmation.

It is also reported that Chris Kall,

of confirmation.

It is also reported that Chris Kall, former king of the Greek colony, who is reported to have decamped with about \$500 of his countrymen's money, has been located at Redding, Cal., and Singler will also visit this city and if the right man has been apprehended will bring him to Mestive to be prosecuted for suphersitation to be prosecuted for suphersitation.

CORVALLIS GROWING FAST Postoffice Receipts for Year Ending

December 31 Are \$19,551.47.

CORVALLIS. Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—
Receipts of the Corvailis postoffice for
the year ending December 31, 1811,
were \$13,521,47. for the preceding year
they were \$11,342.80, an increase during
the year of \$2203.55, or 12.7 per cent.
The increase of the past quarier, over
that of 1916, was 14.2 per cent, and the
receipts of December last over Decemher, 1916, was 14.7 her cent. ber, 1910, was 16.7 per cept.

Posses Forced to Abandon Chase in

uty Sheriff Colin McKenzie has re-turned to civilization after four months passed in the wilds in search for John Tornow, wanted in connection with the murder of his two nephews, John and Will Bauer. Mr. McKenzie was driven out of the woods by the heavy snow in the mountains and the extremely cold weather.

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The Bauer brothers were murdered the first of last September while hunting in the woods near their home in the eastern part of this county. The bodies were buried by the slayer and were not found until two days afterward. John Tornow, an uncle and hermit, who had passed the last two years in the woods living alone in shacks or wherever he happened to be, was immediately suspected and two posses formed to take up the hunt for him. The territory he roamed is 20 miles wide and extends from Puget Sound clear to the Pacific Ocean and the task seemed almost endless, as it has thus far proven to be. McKenzie and his posse struck immediately for the Olympic Mountains near the headwaters of the Wynooche River, where Ternow was known to have passed considerable time.

The starch has been kept up over since with the officers frequently finding traces of the fugitive, but never quite coming on to him. The hunt will be resumed in the Spring as soon as the weather will permit.

RAILROAD COMMISSION ASKS BOURNE TO OPPOSE HIM.

Appeal Declares Appointment of Kansas Man to Supreme Bench Would Be Unfortunate.

SALEM, Oc., Jan. 2 .- (Special)-That the appointment of Judge Hook, of Kansas, as a member of the Supreme Court of the United States would be extremely unfortunate is the

Attitude of Board Told.

Mr. Altchison today gave out the following statement as to the attitude of the commission at the present time:

The various cases involving the distance tatiffs on the Oregon-Washington Hallroad & Navigation Company, Southern Facific Company and the Corvalits & Eastern Rallroad Company within Oregon, and the passenger fares on the Corvallis & Eastern, were finally submitted to the commission on the 18th of December. The rates out of Portland, Baker and Medford are also involved in the same proceedings.

"It is expected that all will he disposed of at one time. The Oregon to the details of the decision for these various cases, and has worked out some of the details of the adjustnent, but others remain to be adjusted. The carriers have asked to be heard further upon the question of branch-line rates, and will be heard if they come in premptly, but the commission will not delay its decision for their convenience, as there has been ample opportunity given for a hearing of all concerned.

The adjustment of a distance tariff on any line is a matter of importance, and yet it is a delicate function. We

appointment of Judge Hook. In his telegram President Staples says:

Find below copy of massage sent by Minnessia Commission to President Taft with copy of same to each of our Senators. You are myed to see that the most effective protest is registered without delay, as nominative is likely to be sent in very soon.

Counsel for Minnesous rate case advise that Judge Hook in Oklahoms case. M. K. & T. Railway Company vs. Love, 177 Federal Reporter 498, decided some of the most important questions in the Minnesots case adverse to the contention of the state and his views as expressed in that case are fatal to the state's case. There are eight states that have cases before the United States Supressed an opinion on these important questions. We believe that the state is entitled to the appointment of Judge Hook. This is not in the libration and therefore protest against the appointment of Judge Hook. This is not in the libration of any candidate.

Also by authority of the recontive committee as president of the National Association, I have forwarded to the President as strong protest against the appointment to the President of the National Association, I have forwarded to the President as strong protest against the appointment of Judge Hook. Your Commission is also urged to act without days by talographing protest to the President. Will you do so?

George Henshaw, Commissioner of the law of the content of the conten

George Henshaw, Commissioner of Oklahoma, also telegraphed to the Oregon Commission that Judge Hook is a dangerous man to be placed on the United States Supreme Beach.

ROSEBURG PAPER IS SOLD

Columbus, Ohio, Man Secures Control of Valued Plant.

ROSEBURG, Cr., Jan. 3.—(Special.)

—As important business deal was closed here last week, when the Evening and Twice-a-Week News, for the past six years dwied and edited by B. W. Bates, was sold to Carl D. Shoomaker, recently of Columbus, Ohio. The purchaser has assumed possession of the plant.

Mr. Shoemaker is a practical business man of many years' experience along commercial lines. He is said to be a strong and copuble writer, and in his introductory announcement says he will

a strong and capable writer, and in an introductory amounteement says he will advocate all matters consistent with the advancement and continued prosperity of Roseburg, Douglas County and the Umpqua Valley. Mr. Shoemaker contemplates a number of substantial improvements, including the installation of additional labor-saving machinery and a more capable news

In his final editorial, Mr. Bates con-In his final editorial, Mr. Bates concludes with the statement that 25 years of active newspaper life is sufficient. Although unable to announce his funce plans, Mr. Bates says he will remain in Roseburg. The Twice-a-Week News was established in the year 1885 and since that time has played an important part in the development of Roseburg and Douglas County.

NEWBERG GRANTS RIGHTS

Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific Get Track on First Street.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)
—After several weeks' contest between the corporations, the City Council at an important meeting tonight granted to the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Electric the right to lay one track each on First street. The Southern Pacific had asked to lay a double track on this entrance to the town.

The fight between the Hill and Harriman roads bere has been watched with musual interest and not till last week, when a big mass meeting was held, was it definitely known how the people felt.

At the meeting today the Hill line was represented by President Carl R. Gray and Engineer Wickersham, and the Southern Pacific by Superintendent Campbell and others.

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School Land Sells High.

Wilds After Hermit.

HOCCIAM, Wash, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The sid Cameron schoolhouse property, four miles below here, which was disposed of the longest, strangest and sold at the public artifo has week, sold at the land affoliate of 1750 an acre. The tract of about 16 square rods was purchased by F. F. McKercher, who ewes emporarily come to a close and Dep-

CASHIER'S CASE ON

At Trial, Opening at Corvallis, Wife Sits by Husband's Side in Court.

FORGERY IS FIRST ACTION

Examiner Bennett Identifies Note and Testifies It Was Held by Savings Institution as Asset-Ex-Mayor Fisher on Stand.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 3 .- (Special.)-Quietly and fittingly attired, Mrs. James Evars sat by her husband's side uring the progress of his trial on the charge of forgery here today, the in-

during the progress of his trial on the charge of forgery here today, the indictment i-eing the first pressed against the cashier of the defunct First Stage Bank of Philomath, whose failure it is charged was due to unlawful manipulations of that officer.

Among the bills receivable of the bank and counted as an asset at the time of its failure was a note for \$400 purporting to be signed by Octav Voget, payable to the Philomath Creamery, of which Evars was president, and assigned by the creamery to the bank. Voget denied making the note.

Most of this first day of the trial was consumed in the selection of a jury, many of these on the venire acknowledging strong prejudice.

Voget, the first witness, testified to having executed a note to the creamery for \$400, which note had been assigned to the bank and had been twice renewed. He finally arranged with Evars to pay off a note by assigning his 3000 shares of creamery stock to the bank, and this was done in the presence of ex-Mayor Fisher, of Philomath. He had never given another note to the creamery and had not signed the note now held by the bank.

Bank Examiner Bennett identified the note and testified that it was held by the bank as an asset. Ex-Mayor Fisher corroborated Voget's evidence, and on cross-examination testified that when he discovered the creamery's bad financial condition, while acting temporarily as bookkeeper, and that there was a heavy indebtedeness to the bank, he informed Evars, who urged Fisher to keep the information from the other bank directors.

At the conclusion of Fisher's testimenty court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

LOGGING CAMPS WAITING

Depth of Snow Such as to Delay Work on Columbia for Time.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special. — None of the logging camps on the north side of the Lower Columbia River have resumed operations since the close-down for the Christmas holidays, and

resumed operations since the clossdown for the Christmas helidays, and
the indications are that it will be several weeks before any of them will be
able to start. There is from eight to
ten inches of snow in that section and
that would prevent much being done
in the logging line.

The first camp to start up is expected to be the Portland Lumber Company, which probably will put its crew
at work as soon as the snow disappears. The Olson Company will be
compelled to make extensive repairs to
the tunnel on its railroad before resuming the hauling of logs. The Brix
Logging Company does not intend to
start up for several weeks, as it has
6,000,000 feet of logs in its booms
which have not been sold. The Campbell Logging Company, which recently completed logging in the Deep River
district, has acquired a tract of about
12,000,000 feet on Grays River, which
it will log during the coming Summer.
To reach this tract will require the
construction of a railroad about three
miles in length.

NEHALEM BRIDGE WANTED

Cost of Proposed Crossway 5 Miles Below Jewell Placed at \$3000.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. L .- (Special.)-

ASTORIA Or., Jan. L.—(Special.)—A delegation of citizens from the Nehalem Valley appeared before the County Court at its session today and presented a largely-signed petition, requesting the court to construct a bridge across the Nehalem River about five miles below Jewell.

The proposed bridge will be about 150 feet in length, and its estimated cost will be about \$1500. The petitioners explained that there are a number of people living on the south side of the river and at present there is no way to cross the stream excepting with boats. The court took the petition under advisement and will pass on the matter later in the term.

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\$5.00 SUEDE BAGS, \$2.50 Handsome Suede Bags, cordeliere handle, real nobby, reduced 1/2.

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Clearance Sale of Cut Glass

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Seven pieces\$	11.87
\$7.50 8-in. Berry Bowls, dif- ferent designs	4.89
\$5.00 8-in. Berry Bowls, sunburst pattern	2.89
\$8.50 9-in. Berry Bowls, star pattern	6.37
\$12 9-in. Berry Bowls, star pattern	8.98

All 1912 Calendars, clearance. . 10c All Christmas Stationery, clearance sale, 1/4 off.

Annual Clearance Sale of Shaving Supplies

Here is a chance for men who shave themselves to supply their needs at unheard-of prices: 25c Lather Brush, clearance . . . 9c 25c Shaving Mug, clearance. . . . 11c 50c Razor Strop, clearance....27c 15c Strop Dressing, clearance. . 9c 50c Shaving Cream, for use after shaving, clearance sale 27c EXTRA SPECIAL

A lot of fine Razors, being odds and ends of our sample line, styles that have been discontinued; all \$1.50 Razors,

Annual Clearance Sale £ Alama Claster

	of Alarm Clocks
	\$1.50 "Torpedo" Intermittent
1.17	Alarm Clocks
1.08	\$1.50 "Daylight" Intermittent Alarm Clocks
.98	\$1.50 "Iron-clad" Straight Alarm Clocks
.59	\$1.00 "Queen" Straight Alarm Clocks
.98	\$1.50 "Petite" Small Alarm Clocks

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HARBOR WORK IS NEEDED

Petitions Are Circulated at Midweek Luncheon of Commercial Club Asking for Special Election on Proposition.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Petitions asking that a special election be called to vote on the establishment of a Port of Vancouver were circulated today at the midweek lunch-eon of the Commercial Club and 100 signers secured. It will require the signatures of 10 per cent of the voters | Vancouver is willing to assist in pay-

tained \$7,000,000 in property, or about seven-twelfths of the assessed valuation of Clark County. A mill levy on this amount would bring \$7000. Cost Not Great.

On dredging and improving the Columbia River at this point \$155,000 has been expended and there yet remas been expended and there yet remains from the appropriation about \$12,000 for further work. It is estimated by the committee appointed by the Commercial Club that the desired improvements can be made for \$25,000 or \$30,000.

It is proposed to build jetties similar

naturally deepened.

There is a shallow place in the river for about 3800 feet, according to the Government survey for 1916. When this is removed there will be a channel varying from not less than 21 feet deep

to those built on the Lower Mississippi River, which have been found to be very successful. These will have a tendency to narrow the channel at the desired point and the river will be naturally deepened.

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Appropriation is Desired.

J. A. Munday, who was a delegate of the Commercial Club to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, held in Washington, D. C., in December, was present and addressed the members on what he had done. He said that the delegations from this state and from Oregon seemed willing to co-operate in every way to secure needed appropriations for improvements of the Columbia River.

A new survey of the proposed dredging and where the letties are to be built will be asked and it is probable that Representative Warburton will be asked to have an appropriation to cover this work tacked to the rivers and harbors bilk.

Dr. Bostwick is \$3 years old, and says he desires to retire from active business now. He will come to Vancouver to live.

Wright's Sample Shoe Shop has moved from the Oregonian bilds to the ground floor at 244 Washington street, between Second and Third. Same old prices prevail.

The Victrola will furnish more entertainment than any other possible gift. Sherman, Clay & Co., on Morrison at Sixth, have all the records. Victor records may be used on other machines.

Bostwick Prune Ranch Near Camas to Be Developed Further.

varying from not less than 21 feet deep to 50 feet, and ships can come to the docks in Vancouver with freight.

It may take three years for the required amount of money to be raised by this levy and in the meantime the Government will be asked to put up from one-half to two-thirds of what if it is shown to the Government that if it is shown to the Government that Vancouver is willing to assist in pay-

in this district before an election can be called, but there seems to be no opposition.

In the district to be formed is contained \$7,000,000 in property, or about seven-twelfths of the assessed valuation of Clark County. A mill levy on

A Robinson \$90, a Werner \$185, Stein way \$185, and Other Fine Pianos at \$112, \$126, \$139, etc.

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Victor Piano, fine mottied walnut, cost new \$375, now only \$168.

Another Victor, only used three months, just like new, was \$375, now only \$245.

Hobinson, good practice plane for bemonths, just like new, was \$370, now only \$245.

Robinson, good practice plane for beginners, originally \$350, now only \$50.

Werher, burl walnut, excellent condition, regular \$325, now only \$185.

Knight Brinkerhoff, superb manogany, can't be told from new, was \$250, now only \$250.

Vose, elegant manogany, splendid condition, new \$400, now only \$198.

Another Vose, only used short time, just like new, cost \$400, now only \$275.

A superb Bush & Lane, in art style case, traded in for player plano, cost \$500, now only \$275.

A fine Steinway, excellent condition accepted as part payment of Bush & Lane player plano, cost \$500.

Hallet & Davis, largest size, fanciesi

Lane player plane, cost \$500, now only \$250.

Hallet & Davis, largest size, fanciesi mahogany case, just like new, cost \$375, now \$285.

Another Hallet & Davis, largest size, \$275 style, a big snap for \$198.

Thellin, finest mahogany case, a splendid value at \$350, now only \$255.

Amother Thellin, elegant condition, the \$350 style, for only \$210.

Bush & Lane baby grand, in finest mahogany, plane used by prominent minic teacher now in Europe, cost \$500, now only \$455.

Bush & Lane player plane, genuine oak case, used for demonstrating purposes and as good as new, the regular \$850 style, now only \$635.

Victor, largest size, beautiful walnut case, was \$216, a rare value at \$190.

Steinway, dark case, good condition, cost new \$500, now only \$183.

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