

BIG CHANGE IN RAIL RATES FORBIDDEN

Interstate Commerce Commission Hints at Action in Recent Decision.

MARCH 4 HEARING DATE

Southern Pacific to Be Allowed to Explain Further Why Charges to and From Willamette Valley Vary Greatly.

That the Interstate Commerce Commission intends to order a radical change in the Southern Pacific freight rates between California and Oregon points, particularly to and from the Willamette Valley, is evidenced by the tentative opinion delivered by the Commission last Thursday, certified copies of which have just reached this city.

Commissioner Lane, who conducted the hearing last summer, wrote the opinion after the full Commission had heard arguments of counsel for both the carriers and the shippers in Washington last November.

What is said to be an unusual feature of the report is the invitation extended to the railroad company to introduce further justification of the rates proposed.

Further Showing Allowed. The Commission explains this privilege as follows: "Where it is not for the gravity of the situation, the Commission would be entirely justified in declining to grant the application of the carrier, acting, however, upon public grounds, we shall proceed to give consideration to the matters presented. Instead of denying the application of the carrier we shall give permission for it to make a further showing under its application in accordance with the views herein expressed as to the requirements of the law."

Much stress was laid by the Willamette Valley interests upon what was alleged to be discrimination practiced by the Southern Pacific in denying them a zone system of rates similar to that accorded Sacramento, Marysville, Stockton and other California cities, it being insisted that the geographical and transportation conditions at both the north and south ends of the line are so nearly the same that a parity of rates must be maintained.

Reviewing this situation the Commission says: "A railroad is justified under the law in discriminating in favor of one city as against another if they are so differently circumstanced that at one point transportation facilities are brought into play which are not or cannot be exercised at another point. So if the water points at one end of a line are grouped together and at the other end of the line should be likewise grouped or the influence of the water recognized."

Consistent Policy Demanded. "Railroad policy must be consistent. This is, roughly, the meaning of the third section of the act. While extending San Francisco-Portland rates to bay and river points on the south, the carrier desires to extend San Francisco-Portland rates to points on the Willamette River on the north. If there is reason for treating the southern points in a group, why should that same policy extend to the northern points? Sacramento has the same rate to Portland that San Francisco has. Albany is situated 89 miles to the south of Portland, approximately the same distance down the Willamette River that Sacramento is from San Francisco. Is not the competition between Sacramento and Albany? That is to say, if the rate is the same northward, why should it not be the same southward?"

Rates Are Criticized. The Commission proceeds in no gentle tone to criticize other rates between California and Oregon. Valley points and points further south, which, according to its opinion, are misadjusted and violative of the fourth section of the interstate commerce act. Speaking of its powers under the amended act in constraining the long and short-haul clause, the Commission reaffirms, among other methods of fixing intermediate rates, its action in the Spokane case, where a geographical limit was prescribed within which there can be no discrimination, and permitting higher rates from other territory, having regard to the extent of the competition which justifies the discrimination. "On another basis," says the report, "we may fix the limit of the rate at the more distant point with reference to the rate to intermediate points, thereby prescribing a zone of discrimination which may be lawful and justified."

Reasonable Rate May Be Set. Where either of these methods does not seem practicable, the Commission says it can prescribe the reasonable rate which the carrier, as an outgrowth of its policies or its method of making rates, may not exceed. Reports generally agree that while a readjustment of the rates on the basis outlined by the Commission may give the Willamette Valley extended markets in which to trade, the consequent commercial development of the Valley, in a broad sense, is of much greater importance to the metropolis than a policy of freer rates which restricts that development, and that whatever helps interior Oregon cannot fall to benefit Portland also.

Edward M. Conant, Jr., counsel for the Willamette Valley, expects to return to Washington in a few days to prepare for the further hearing scheduled for March 4, at which time volumes of additional data are likely to be introduced for the enlightenment of the Commerce Board.

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George L. Baker, chairman of the Council, chairman of the street committee and champion milker at his own ranch in the suburbs, gave an exhibition of how to alight from a stalled automobile in a muddy road, while Councilman Maguire, the stalwart representative from the Tenth Ward, where mud is common, got out of his seat and, amid the cheers of his comrades, demonstrated the gentle art of helping to shove a heavy car around and point its prow in the other direction.

The stalled auto was a comparatively light one, but Councilmen Baker, Maguire, Burgard, Monks and Schmeier, reinforced by Deputy City Auditors Gill and Flanders and two chauffeurs, found it to be all they could do to get the beastly thing turned right about face, and his colleagues, until finally did so and another machine was brought into requisition to pull the mired one out on to dry land.

LA FOLLETTE IN VET

Wisconsin Man Telegraphs He Hasn't Quit Race.

PETITIONS START AGAIN

Thomas McCusker, Oregon Manager for Would-Be President, Resumes Work — "Progressive" Combination Is Planned.

Supporters of Senator La Follette in Oregon will yet have a chance to express their preference for him as the Republican candidate for President. Report that the Wisconsin man had retired from the race was refuted yesterday in a telegram from La Follette to Thomas McCusker, of this city, manager of the La Follette campaign in this state. In his telegram, Senator La Follette declared he is not only a candidate for the Presidency, but intends to remain in the contest until the finish.

Because of the recent illness of La Follette and the belief that it was sufficient serious to cause his retirement as a candidate, circulation of his nomination petitions was suspended for some time. A number of these petitions had been sent to several of the counties outside of Multnomah and the work of obtaining signatures was begun. On the advice of Mr. McCusker, two weeks ago, when it was reported the Wisconsin aspirant probably would drop out of the contest, these petitions were called in. It was for the same reason that Mr. McCusker had not started the circulation of other petitions in this city and county.

GENERAL TO BE GREETED

Arrangements Made to Welcome Baden Powell.

Although no definite date has been set for the visit to Portland of General Baden Powell, hero of Mafeking and leader of the Boy Scouts of Great Britain, there will be a large gathering of the distinguished soldier when he reaches this city. William L. Finley, chairman of the reception committee, says that plans are practically completed. General Powell will be met by British Consul James Laidlaw and well-known Portland Englishmen on the morning of his arrival. In the afternoon it is proposed to hold a public meeting in the Armory, at which General Powell will deliver an address.

RAIL MEN FETE COLLEAGUE

Fred D. Chamberlin to Leave to Take Position in Denver.

Fred D. Chamberlin, district superintendent of the Pullman Company, who leaves soon to take a similar office in Denver, was the guest of a number of Portland passenger men at an informal luncheon in a private dining-room of the Imperial Hotel yesterday. Those who complimented Mr. Chamberlin were: Henry Dixon, of the Great Northern; E. F. Baird, of the Burlington; J. O. Thomas, of the Milwaukee; George T. Willett, of the Northern Pacific; F. T. Geary, of the Rock Island; C. W. Inger, of the O.-W. R. & N.; H. G. Ellisworth, of the Union Pacific; H. G. Ellisworth, of the Union Pacific; and E. S. Hinckley, of the North bank station.

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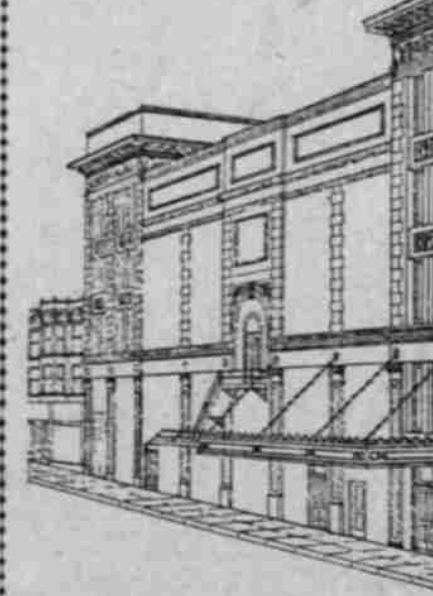
Presbyterians Given Rare Treat.

The woman's North Pacific board of Presbyterian Missions had a real treat yesterday when Mrs. C. R. Templeton, who has just returned from a trip around the world, carried her large audience across the sea, as she told so vividly of the Oriental scene, customs and manners of strange people. She praised the work of the missionaries, especially of the hospital work that Dr. J. Hunter Wells is doing in Corea.

Hunter Foster Talks.

Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College, delivered an illustrated lecture on the plans of Reed College at the luncheon of the Rotary Club in the Imperial Hotel yesterday, at which 89 members were present.

PORTLAND'S NEWEST THEATER, SOON TO RISE AT SEVENTH AND YAMHILL STREETS.



PERSPECTIVE OF THE NEW EMPRESS THEATER.

Planned as Portland's most elaborate and magnificent house of play, with a seating capacity of 2300 and to cost \$225,000, Sullivan & Condit's new Empress Theater, at Seventh and Yamhill streets, will be in keeping with the fine buildings that have marked Portland's progress the past few years.

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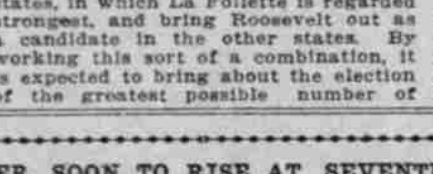
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