

# INJUNCTION IS PLAN TO HALT RATE BILL

### Railroads or Shippers May Start Proceedings as Result of Election.

## NEW TARIFF WORK TEDIOUS

### Traffic Officials Say It Would Require Six Months to Publish Schedule in Conformance to Enactment.

Injunction proceedings will be started within the next few weeks to prevent the State Railroad Commission from enforcing the freight rate bill passed by the people at last Tuesday's election.

Whether this action will be instituted by the railroads or by the shippers has not been determined. One plan is for the railroads to apply to the courts for a restraining order. Another is for the railroads to enforce the new law as nearly as it is possible for them to do so and then let the shippers endeavor to enjoin the railroads.

Attorneys declare that the law became effective immediately after the election assured its adoption and that the railroads are subject to the penalties it provides every time they charge the old or existing rates.

Yes, traffic officials point out, it would take them six months to publish a new tariff in conformance with the new law. Because no one expected the measure to pass no one is prepared to meet its requirements. The bill was plainly written in that it did not carry a "joker," yet few people understood its object and intent.

The ostensible purpose of the bill was to make Medford a jobbing center. This might be accomplished if the bill were to be enforced, as it would allow Medford wholesalers to ship less than carload lots into that city and distribute them at lower rates than Portland jobbers could distribute their wares in carload lots. But traffic men say that if Medford is to become a distributing center with this bill as a foundation that it will satisfy its ambition only at the expense of the grain, lumber, wool and other industries vital to the development of the state.

Members of the State Railroad Commission fear that the bill would deprive them of all rate-making powers excepting as they apply to first-class commodities. The bill specifies the rates that shall apply to all commodities below those taking the first-class rate, using the first-class rate as a basis.

## RAILROAD RATES ARE PUZZLE

### Oregon Confronted With Chaotic State Never Before Known.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—In a state of chaos railroad rates as they are being made in Oregon are now a minimum freight bill, when it is proclaimed as a law by the Governor, defy the understanding of members of the State Railroad Commission and railroad experts as well.

Probably never in the history of railroading has any state been confronted by a muddle and confusion such as now confronts Oregon. Members of the Railroad Commission are open in their statements that the rate bill as passed November 5 is without precedent; that the system of framing rates as pointed out by the bill is meaningless and gives to the railroads practically everything that they desire without any benefit mentionable to be derived by the consumer.

The situation seems to be, as nearly as can be determined, like this:

**Obeying Law Almost Impossible.**  
Under the Railroad Commission law under which the railroads are now operating, the railroads are required to file new tariffs within 10 days before they go into effect. The new law will become effective within 30 days from the vote of last Tuesday. It will be impossible for the railroad companies to abide by both laws. This is obvious.

On top of this there is no basis upon which the railroad companies can make the rates prescribed in the bill. They are supposed to establish immediately a new system of rates under the law. The law evidently allows them to make rates as high as the companies desire to make such rates, without any apparent inhibition on the size of the rates, according to members of the Railroad Commission.

There seems to be only one possible protection against the bill. That is for the Railroad Commission to attack any tariff which may be filed under it as unjust and discriminatory, and it seems certain, with the leeway which railroads are given under the law, that the rates proposed will be "out of sight" and way above any rates now in effect, if the companies exercise such privileges as the bill extends to them.

## VALLEY HAS MUCH FRUIT

### Grants Pass Country Growers Hold 15 Cars of Apples Yet.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—It is estimated that this section of the valley has about 15 cars yet to ship to the present market centers where apples are being sold. But little fruit remains to be picked, except the Ben Davis variety, which is a splendid keeper, and brings a good price when the other varieties have been sold out. Considerable fruit may be found in Grants Pass warehouses, holding for Christmas trade. A box of pretty apples is considered among the best that can be offered a friend during the holidays. Residents of Rogue River Valley delight in fixing up the best going for the Eastern trade and foreign countries, where the Rogue River fruit is looked upon with admiration. Two cars are being loaded for San Francisco. A large proportion of the Wine-saps and Newtowns will be sent to European markets.

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### Montana Committee Advises Action for Cashing Forged Checks.

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## ALBANY READY FOR FAIR

### Big Display of Splendid Fruit at Sixth Annual Apple Show.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Arrangements are nearing completion for Albany's sixth annual apple fair and everything indicates a big display of splendid fruit. The scope of the fair has been enlarged this year and besides being for apples and pears, as heretofore, prizes have been offered for the best exhibits of vegetables of

various kinds. The fair will be held this year in the Oregon National Guard Armory in this city. Committees in charge of the fair anticipate a big exhibit and the drill-room of the armory will be used as the display room. Other rooms at the armory will be utilized for lectures during the fair. Prominent instructors of the Oregon Agricultural College will furnish the principal portion of the programmes of this year's fair and will give addresses on interesting horticultural and agricultural topics. Professor Gardner will speak on "Berry Raising in the Willamette Valley." Professor Hoquet will discuss "Market Gardening." "Pears in the Willamette Valley" will be the subject of an address by Professor C. I. Lewis. Professor Jackson, of the botanical department of the Oregon Agricultural College, will have a display of diseased fruit trees and vegetables at the fair and will discuss tree

## SON OF FORMER PORTLAND JEWELER APPEARING HERE THIS WEEK.



Henry Greenberg, at Pantages.

"I'd rather make 'em laugh than have a million or be a doctor," tersely remarked Henry Greenberg, a native of Portland, who arrived Monday, with his wife, to play a week's engagement at Pantages. In vaudeville Greenberg and his wife are known as Green and Parker. In 1884 Greenberg was born at the family residence that stood then at the southwest corner of Park and Washington streets. His father was the junior member of the jewelry firm of Hendrickson & Greenberg, and when he died he left a comfortable fortune. Young Greenberg studied medicine with the avowed intention of practicing, but the routine work on his nerves and he turned to dramatics. He scored his first success under the guidance of William A. Brady and then he played comic leads with Frank Daniels. Later he enlisted in the Al Woods forces, only to abandon them for vaudeville. Four years of vaudeville found him in Portland for the first time since he was 2 years old.

Mr. Greenberg has many relatives here, the Beckes and the Frohmanes being cousins and the Pantages stage was heaped high with floral offerings at the opening matinee. Several informal receptions and suppers are planned for Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg during their visit here.

and vegetable diseases and methods of curing them.

## GRANTS PASS LAW PASSES

### New City Ordinance Fixes Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—A new city ordinance regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors passed the Council Saturday night under the emergency clause for the purpose of regulating liquor traffic as directed by the recent election in which the town went wet by a majority of 37. The new regulation, from the general run of ordinances usually enacted to control the sale of liquors. The applicant must be a white male citizen of the United States and the place of business must front on a public street with a frontage of not less than 20 feet and not more than 50 feet deep, and with only one entrance or exit and that from the front. Tables, chairs, pictures and paintings and dice boxes must be eliminated. The room must be open, with a clear view from the streets at all times; singing, music and the like come under the ban of the law as well as the proprietor treating, or "buying," his customers.

Soft drinks, and imitations are not permitted to be sold, and all intoxicating liquors must be four years of age before being allowed to be commercialized over the bar. The hours are short in which a man may be privileged to drink, being limited from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. First violation carries a fine of \$200.

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## CANVASS IS RUSHED

### Secretary Olcott Would Aid Women to Vote.

## COUNTY CLERK ADVISED

### Sending In of Complete Returns Is Important Matter So That All Errors May Be Avoided or Corrected Where Necessary.

every possible effort will be made to have the canvass of the vote completed early. He also calls upon the county clerks to be as rapid as possible in sending in completed returns, as sometimes errors are made in these findings which require correction. In commenting on this Mr. Olcott said today: "Inasmuch as a number of municipal elections will occur during the months of November and December of the present year, I wish to announce that I will use my best endeavors to expedite the official canvass of the vote cast at the recent election, in order that the women who were granted the right of suffrage by the passage of the equal suffrage amendment, may participate in the local elections in their home cities and towns.

## MAGICAL EFFECT OF NEW FACE PEELER

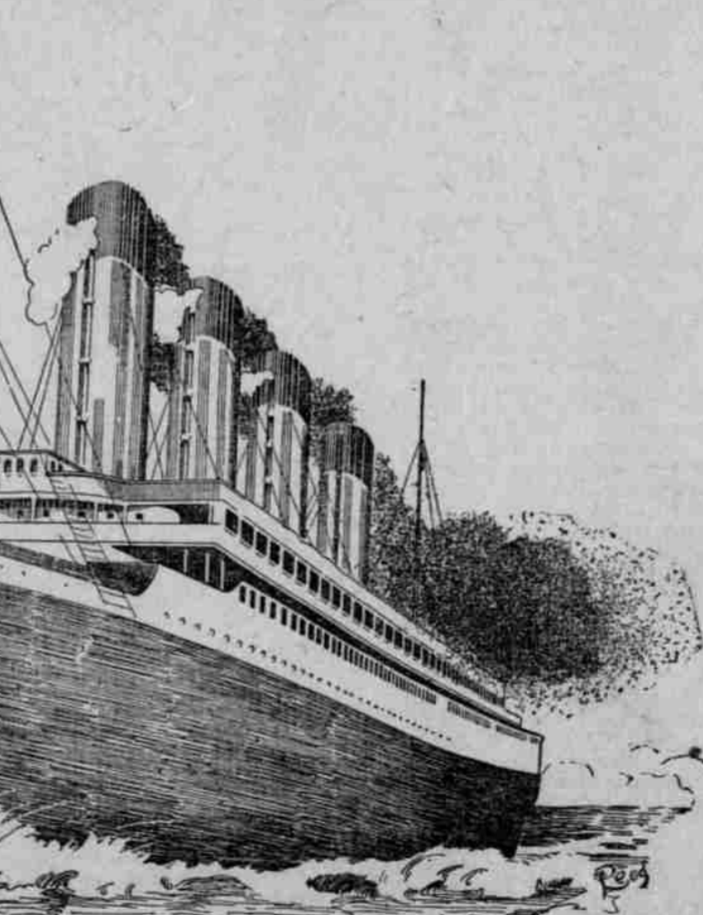
(Woman's National Journal.)  
To maintain a clear, rosy, youthful complexion, there's nothing so simple to use and yet so effective as ordinary mercuric wax, which you can get at any drug store. Just apply the wax at night as you would cold cream; in the morning wash it off with warm water. If you've never tried it you can't imagine the magical effect of this harmless home treatment. The mercuric in the wax causes the worn-out skin to come off in minute particles, a little at a time, and soon you have entirely shed the offensive cuticle. The fresh young under-skin now in evidence is so healthy and girlish looking, so free from any appearance of artificiality, you wonder why you had not heard of this marvelous complexion-renewing secret long ago.  
To get rid of your wrinkles, here's a formula that is wonderfully effective: 1 oz. powdered saxolite, dissolved in 1/2 inch hazel. Bathe the face in this and you will be simply astonished at the results, even after the first trial.—Adv.

## DON'T SCOLD CROSS, IRRITABLE CHILDREN

If Tongue Is Coated, Stomach Sour, Breath Feverish, Bowels Clogged, Give "Syrup of Figs."  
Mother! look at the tongue! see if it is coated. If your child is listless, drooping, isn't sleeping well, is restless, doesn't eat heartily or is cross, irritable, out of sorts with everybody, stomach sour, feverish, breath bad, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, or is full of cold, it means the little one's stomach, liver and bowels are filled with poisons and clogged up with waste and need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.  
Give a teaspoonful of Syrup of Figs, and in a few hours the foul, decaying, compacted matter, undigested food and sour bile will gently move on and out of its little bowels without nausea, griping or weakness, and you will surely have a well and smiling child shortly.  
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warding them to the Secretary of State as provided by the law, and thus obviate the necessity of correcting possible errors in the returns, as I have been advised that at every previous election it has been found necessary to return some of the abstracts for correction.  
"In fact, in the first official returns of the recent election just received in this office some few minor errors were found which must be duly corrected before the official canvass can proceed.  
"Section 3479 of Lord's Oregon Laws provides that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, in the presence of the Governor, to proceed within 30 days after the election, and sooner if the returns be all received, to canvass the votes given for each measure; and the Governor shall forthwith issue his proclamation giving the whole number of votes cast in the state for and against each measure and question, and declaring such measures as are approved by a majority of those voting thereon to be in full force and effect as the law of the

state from the date of said proclamation."  
**Early Completion Expected.**  
Secretary Olcott expressed himself as being able to complete the canvass of the vote within 20 days from the date of the election. In the event the returns are all received in perfect shape not later than November 20, as the totals of the votes cast for the several candidates for and against the several measures could be quickly verified by his office force and duly tabulated in order that the official canvass can proceed and the Governor issue the required proclamations.  
"The task of canvassing the votes cast in the more thickly populated counties is of considerable magnitude," continued Mr. Olcott. "Especially is this true in Multnomah County, which contains nearly one-third of the voting population of the state, and I realize and appreciate, as do, I believe, all who are interested, that considerable time is necessarily consumed in complying with all of the law's formalities, and I therefore sincerely trust



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