SHIPPERS MAY ASK CONGRESS TO ACT

Lack of Jurisdiction Seen as Possibility in Railway Case Heard Here.

SEVERAL ROADS AFFECTED

Question at Issue Declared to Be of Nation-Wide Importance as Similar Privileges Would Be Demanded by Other Carriers.

If the Interstate Commerce Commission denies the protest of the shippers against the plan of the Harriman railroads to close the gateways at Wallula, Spokane, Silver Bow and Denver, the question will be taken directly into Congress and an effort made to have a law passed giving the Commission jurisdiction in such cases.

Joseph N. Teal, attorney for the shippers, who appeared for their various organizations at the hearings conducted here recently by James W. Curmalt, examiner for the Commission, believes that the only grounds upon which the Commission can deny the shippers' application is lack of jurisdiction. In that event he plans to attempt to have Congress give it jurisdiction.

A question of Nation-wide importance is involved in the case. If the Harriman lines are sustained in the contention that they are justified in closing these gateways, the same privileges must be given to the carriers generally, it is pointed out.

Interest Is Widespread.

The Burlington, for instance, will be in position to say that it won't handle the products of the Northwest into Chicago unless they are delivered to it at its various Western connections by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, which jointly control the Burlington stock. The Milwaukee might put in a similar series of rates affecting its service. The result would be that the roads which have no direct connection to the Northwest, such as the Rock Island, the Santa Fe, the Gould lines and others would be deprived of participating in the business in this territory.

The Harriman case has attracted attention from railroads in all parts of the country ever since the order was promulgated. While the various railroads affected have not been active in opposing the new rates, they have watched developments with keen interest, knowing that the shippers would fight their battles.

Many Industries Affected.

Mr. Teal says that the Northwest is vitally interested in having these gateways remain open. The lumber, fruit and wool industries, particularly, are affected. They have offered organized protest and appeared, through Mr. Teal, at the recent hearings.

The Harriman officials contend that they are justified in their action on the grounds that they are entitled to the long haul on all business for which they furnish the market or which they originate.

While the shippers admit that the service of the Union Pacific system, which besides the Union Pacific consists of the Oregon Short Line and the O.-W. R. & N. Company, is satisfactory in every way, they declare that the competitive routes offered them is what places the Harriman lines on their mettle and forces efficiency.

Removal of this competition, they insist, will affect the service. That is the reason they want the gateway to remain open.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. Moritz, of Lebanon, is at the Perkins.

R. W. Kelly, of Detroit, is at the Multnomah.

F. P. Phillips, of The Dalles, is at the Perkins.

H. J. Ainsworth, of Blaine, Wash., is at the Carlton.

H. M. Urquhart, of Chehalis, is at the Imperial.

John Zwierlein, of Crescent City, is at the Carlton.

Fred E. Butler, of Lewiston, is at the Multnomah.

William C. Battler, of Wana, Or., is at the Perkins.

R. A. Hawkins, of Ilwaco, Wash., is at the Cornelius.

Dr. M. F. Clausius, of Siletz, Or., is at the Cornelius.

J. M. Tuite is registered at the Carlton from Astoria.

J. B. Kelly, a Sheridan lumberman, is at the Imperial.

Jacob Martenson, of Oak Park, Ill., is at the Portland.

W. H. Nelson, a Newberg hop dealer, is at the Cornelius.

F. B. Wines is registered at the Cornelius from Tacoma.

V. H. Francis, of Pendleton, is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Butler, of Lewiston, are at the Annex.

H. R. Kreitzer, of Tacoma, registered at the Carlton yesterday.

H. H. Veatch, a hardware dealer of Salem, is at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Beckwith have taken apartments at the Annex.

John M. Williams, of Eugene, an attorney, is at the Imperial.

E. R. Stevenson is registered at the Perkins from Oakland, Or.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clark, of Eugene, are registered at the Annex.

C. H. Bidwell, a stockman of Island City, Or., is at the Imperial.

C. P. Murphy, of Baker, where he is an attorney, is at the Oregon.

Gus E. Ledbetter is registered at the Carlton from Brookfield, Wash.

D. M. Kelly, a contractor of Baker, Or., is registered at the Imperial.

Miss M. M. Walsh is registered at the Multnomah from Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Lyon are registered at the Perkins from Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lethbridge and son, of Lethbridge, Alberta, are at the Portland.

J. R. Moler, Pacific Coast manager for the Cole motor car, is at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Schual, of Tillamook, are at the Oregon. Mr. Schual is a haberdasher.

O. Laurgaard, chief engineer of the reclamation project at Laiflaw, Or., is registered at the Oregon.

M. T. Connell, a manufacturer of sawmill machinery, is registered at the Portland from New Orleans.

F. W. Vaille, superintendent of the N. P. dining car services, is registered at the Portland from Seattle.

Charles E. Dodd, a drug importer of San Francisco, is at the Multnomah. He has just returned from Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cheston and child, of Woodstock, Ont., are at the Multnomah. Mr. Cheston is a manufacturer.

A. B. Hammond, president of the Hammond Lumber Company, with mills at Astoria, is at the Oregon, registered from San Francisco.

F. W. Loomis, Pacific Coast agent for the Johns-Mansville Company, electrical supplies, is registered at the Multnomah from Seattle.

Mrs. J. M. Engle, of Englewood, Or., registered at the Multnomah yesterday, coming to Portland to meet Mr. Engle, who has spent some time in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood P. Cubberley, of Palo Alto, Cal., are at the Portland. Mr. Cubberley is head of the survey of the Portland school system now in progress.

Frederick Robinson, president of the J. I. Case Thresher Company of Racine, Wis., is at the Oregon. He is accompanied by W. W. Ramsey and E. J. Githins, also of Racine.

Dr. F. B. Dresslar, of the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, is at the Portland. He is chairman of the committee on science exhibit for the fourth International Congress on School Hygiene at Buffalo this year.

CHICAGO, May 11.—(Special.)—The following from Portland, Or., are registered at Chicago hotels: Auditorium, T. A. Kindred; La Salle, B. C. Ball.

SUPREME MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF UNITED ARTISANS IS LAID TO REST.

Dr. James B. Olmsted.

Dr. James B. Olmsted, supreme medical director of the United Artisans, whose funeral was held Sunday, was widely known throughout the Pacific Coast as a physician and fraternal lecturer. Before coming to Oregon he practiced in New Jersey and Iowa. He was especially well known in the latter state. For the past 18 years Dr. Olmsted served the United Artisans in an official capacity as its medical director. He leaves a wife, an aged mother and several adopted children.

FEWER TEACHERS TO GO

REPORT OF MANY DISCHARGES DENIED BY BOARD.

Some Teachers Are to Be Transferred and Given Chance Under Different Conditions.

Reports to the effect that the School Board has adopted a new plan which is to result in the discharge of an unusually large number of school teachers at the end of the present semester are denied by M. G. Munly, a member of the Board. He declared yesterday that the number to be dropped will be considerably smaller this year than in years past.

"The report of wholesale dismissals has come from some unreliable source," said Mr. Munly, yesterday. "The fact is there are only seven teachers in the list to be let out. We have three grades of teachers, A, B and C. The A class comprises the names of teachers who are up for promotion. B class are those who are to be retained, and C class those who are to be discharged. The C class teachers have a right to demand a hearing before the School Board.

"The report of a large list of undesirables probably has arisen from the fact that two assistant superintendents made an investigation and reported 16 or 17 teachers as being in a class which was called class B, minus. This would seem to place these teachers on the verge of a dismissal. As a matter of fact, these teachers, or most of them at least, are not to be let out. Investigations and hearings have been held which have shown that while they have not been all that should be expected of teachers, the cause has not been their own all together. They are to be transferred and given another chance under different conditions.

"There is no ground for the reports of the Board planning to discharge an unusual number of teachers. The scare has been started probably by some teacher who has become hysterical upon learning that her name was on the class C or the class B minus list."

Hungry Seven's Wagnerian Strains Protested

Educators Complain That Seductive Melodies Interfere With Progress of Pupils.

"LET X represent the distance from the earth to the moon and Y the—"

"Everybody's doin' it, doin' it—"

"All Gaul is divided into three parts, of which—"

"Take me out to the ball game, ball game."

Thus mingle discordant sounds up around Thirteenth and Montgomery streets, where Rev. J. R. Wilson and others have the nerve to maintain an institution of learning, right at a spot where the Little German Band, sometimes known as the "Hungry Seven," delights to tear off ruge chunks of Twentieth Century melody in Wagnerian style.

Two bodies, the instructors tell their classes, cannot occupy the same space at the same time, nor can the sweet strains of "Don't Take Me Ho-o-me" permeate the same atmosphere with H_2SO_4 and the pons asinorum, without serious conflict. So it has come about that 'we must part."

The Portland Academy folks take the stand that they were there first and have the preference. For that reason they have asked the police kindly to shoo the tuneful seven along to some other spot when they court Euterpe under the Academy windows. The Hungry Seven's side of the controversy has not been presented.

John Dennis Lewis, age 72, of Philadelphia, believes himself to be the only surviving son of a revolutionary soldier in the United States.

JOINT MEETING TO DRAW NURSERYMEN

American and Pacific Coast Associations to Hold Sessions June 17-21.

WIDE INTEREST IS SHOWN

Programme Prepared Provides for Speakers From All Over Country on Topics of Importance in Floral Culture.

The joint meeting of the American and the Pacific Coast Associations of Nurserymen, to be held in Portland June 17 to 21, will be well attended, according to the responses received by C. A. Tonneson, of Tacoma, secretary of the Pacific Coast Association, from nurserymen all over the United States and Canada.

To illustrate the interest manifested by those from other states, John Vailance of C. C. Morse & Co., San Francisco, writes: "No doubt we will have a splendid meeting at Portland, as many of our members never have been there and are anxious to see that beautiful place and see the roses and find out if they are any better than we can grow in California. Some say they are much better, but I have grave doubts as to this. However, time will tell."

The far eastern and southern states will be well represented by the noted plant and fruit tree propagators who will appreciate the best in floral verdure this section can produce.

Separate Meetings Scheduled.

The Oregon-Washington Association will convene Monday, June 16, for a short business session.

The Pacific Coast Association will meet in formal business session June 17, when the members of the American Association will be welcomed as visitors.

The reports of officers, vice presidents representing each state embraced and reports of committees will be submitted and discussed. The entire business part of the work of the Pacific Coast Association will be finished June 17, including the election of officers.

On Wednesday and Thursday the joint sessions will take place and include the following programme, Thomas Meehan, Dresher, Pa., and Albert Brownell, of Portland, being presiding officers:

Joint Session Wednesday.

9 A. M., music; address of welcome, Governor West; address of welcome, Mayor Rushlight; response for Pacific Coast Association, P. A. Dix, Utah; president's address, for American Association, Thomas Meehan, Dresher, Pa.; president's address for Pacific Coast Association, Albert Brownell, Portland; "What Shall the Future of Horticulture Be?" by E. W. Kirkpatrick, Kinney, Tex; discussion, George C. Roeding, Fresno, Cal., and H. W. Kruckeberg, Los Angeles; subject to be selected, William P. Stark, Neosho, Mo.; discussion; subject to be selected, J. H. Dayton, Painesville, O.; discussion; question box; recess.

1:30 P. M., music; "The Traffic Manager," by E. S. Welch, Shenandoah, Ia.; discussion by Harry B. Chase, Huntsville, Ala., and J. B. Pilkington, Portland; "Park-making on the Pacific Coast," by E. P. Mische, Superintendent of Parks, Portland; discussion by J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Pa., Harlan P. Kelsey, Boston, Mass., and D. A. MacRorie, San Francisco, Cal.; recess, 4 P. M.

8 P. M., local entertainment, features to be announced later.

Thursday, June 19.

9 A. M., "Working and Results of the New Federal Horticultural Law," by J. McHutchison, New York; discussion by D. S. Lake, Shenandoah, Ia., and John S. Armstrong, Ontario, Cal.; "Horticultural Laws," by George C. Roeding, Fresno, Cal.; discussion by W. C. Read, Vincennes, Ind., and M. L. Dean, State Horticulturist, Missoula, Mont.; "Oregon's New Quarantine Law," by W. K. Newell, Gaston, Or.; discussion by F. A. Wiggins, Toppenish, Wash., and John Vailance, Oakland, Cal; question box; recess; music.

1:30 P. M., "Nurserymen's Problems in Fungus and Bacterial Diseases," by Professor H. S. Jackson, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or.; discussion by A. Van Holderbeke, Spokane, Wash.; "Uniform Horticultural Laws; Their Enforcement and Benefits," by A. J. Cook, Sacramento, Cal.; discussion by D. J. Tighe, Billings, Mont., and F. H. Wilson, Fresno, Cal.; "Some Problems of Interest to Fruitgrowers, Nurserymen and Experiment Station Workers," by Professor C. I. Lewis, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or.; discussion; subject to be selected, Professor O. M. Morris, Pullman, Wash.; discussion.

8 P. M., paper, by speaker not yet announced; discussion; meeting of American Nurserymen's Protective Association; meeting of vice-presidents (time to be announced).

Friday.

Executive session of American Association of Nurserymen.

12 M., attendants are invited to become guests of the Oregon Nursery Company on a trolley trip to its nurseries at Orenco, where lunch will be served at 1 P. M.

On Saturday an excursion on the Columbia River will be given by the local nurserymen on the steamer Bailey Gatzert.

"TIGRIS" SCORES SUCCESS

New Programme at Peoples Headed by "The Marble Heart."

"Tigris," a four-reel special, yesterday concluded an engagement at the People's Theater, where this feature was held over to accommodate those who had been turned away during its regular four-day run. It was pronounced a most attractive film and its success was unusual. Today's show at the People's will be a clever one, headed, as it is, by "The Marble Heart." This is based on a play made famous a generation ago by the great actor, William E. Sheridan. It is in two reels, and made by the Thanhouser Company. Two other films and a comedy will make up an entirely new show today and tomorrow. Wednesday will be Ford Sterling Day. He is the great Keystone funny man, and pictorial souvenirs will be given away to patrons.

The Star Theater had to turn away crowds yesterday, and offered as good a show as has been exhibited at this house. The films were "The Sea Maiden," "A Mock Marriage," "An Accidental Alibi" and "Putting It Over on Papa," the latter a winning comedy. In addition Cy Confer sang a new winning song.

The Arcade presented a timely topic based on the parcel post, showing a mother who wanted to do shopping and had to get rid of the baby. She conceived the idea of sending the baby to a relative by parcel post. The adventures of the infant and the troubles of the postman who received the little tot made an unusually funny film. The other three pictures were fully up to the standard and, together with Ricca, the accordion man, made up an enjoyable entertainment. "A Slave's Devotion," a two-reel Broncho, will be featured as the headliner Wednesday.

The Sunnyside Theater yesterday offered "Past Redemption," a two-reel Kay-Bee; a double Keystone comedy, the Gaumont Weekly and songs by J. C. Huber. The Tivoli and the Crystal exhibited new programmes and entertained the usual Sunday crowds.

RING RULE CHARGED

Exception Taken to Action of Workingmen's Club.

CANDIDATES ARE INDORSED

B. E. Lee Alleges Voting by Non-Delegates and Ratification of Rushlight, Baker and Clyde by Use of "Steam Roller."

Declaring that steam roller tactics were employed in getting the Workingmen's Political Club to indorse candidates Saturday night, a delegation of members of the club, headed by B. E. Lee, an engineer, is planning to stir up a fuss and get a rehearing of the candidates. It is declared that the indorsement of A. G. Rushlight for Mayor and George L. Baker and Ralph C. Clyde for Commissioners was "cut and dried" before the meeting was held, and that delegates at the meeting who were entitled to a hearing were shut out.

The meeting was called last Tuesday and each labor union local was invited to send four delegates. Mr. Lee says that he was one of the four selected from the union of engineers and that he attended the meeting believing that the proceedings were to be open and above board.

"Instead of giving all a chance to be heard," said Mr. Lee, "the proceedings were of the steam-roller type. In the first place we demanded a rollcall to ascertain who was entitled to vote and who was not. This was refused. We then asked that the delegates make a showing of credentials. This was not done. In consequence persons voted who were not delegates.

Protest Declared Unheeded.

"Nominations were closed before some of us got a chance to put our man forward, despite the fact that we protested. It was a case of putting through a cut-and-dried programme by steam-roller methods. Mr. Rushlight and the others who got the indorsement of the club do not have the support of the laboring people as a class, and are not entitled to it. The Rushlight crowd, including members of the Executive Board who are also labor leaders, pushed the thing through over the heads of the rank and file of the union workmen.

"There is all kinds of talk in labor circles about free speech. A rule was adopted at the meeting that any member of the club who is heard to say anything against any candidate indorsed by the club will be ousted from membership. That's a fine example for free-speech advocates to set, isn't it? I, for one, am going to oppose the candidates put forward by the club, membership or no membership. And there are others."

Irregularity Is Denied.

R. O. Rector, a labor leader, denied yesterday that there was anything irregular about the meeting or the manner of indorsing or selecting candidates. "The special meeting to indorse candidates was called last Tuesday," he said, "and every local was invited to have representatives at the meeting. The vote for the candidates selected was so nearly unanimous that if we had called the roll it would have made no difference. As a matter of fact, there were six or eight persons in the hall who were not delegates to the meeting. The candidates selected could have lost 15 or even 20 votes without changing the situation any. They still would have received the indorsement. Mr. Rushlight got an overwhelming vote; Mr. Baker got a majority of 28, and Mr. Clyde a majority of 40. There is bound to be some dissatisfaction somewhere upon an indorsement plan of this kind. I believe that the labor unions as a whole will stand by the official list as indorsed by the club."

Another meeting is to be held tomorrow night, at which it is likely the fuss stirred up by Mr. Lee will be aired. It is probable also that two more candidates for Commissioner will be selected and indorsed.

Miss Cochran Makes Statement.

Miss Nan Cochran, of Oregon City, sends to The Oregonian a statement denying that she and her sister, Louise Cochran, had visited the grave of the late C. M. Abbott and that they had noticed loose dirt lying about. "I told the reporter who asked me about it that there was not anything peculiar in the appearance of the grave," says Miss Cochran. "My sister has never visited the grave. I have placed flowers there once or twice, at the request of the late Mr. Abbott's mother."

Philadelphia Presbyterians are campaigning to increase Sunday school attendance 25 per cent.