RATE RISE LIKELY TO PROVIDE RELIEF

Express Companies Expect Increase Will Overcome Loss in Revenues.

CONCERNS FACE DEFICIT

Commissions of Two States Make Analysis of Business Done and Allow Charge to Meet Parcel Post Competition.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The increase of 2.26 per cent in express rates upon packages weighing less than 100 pounds shipped within Oregon and Washington, which will become effective September 12, it is believed will give the express companies the desired relief in intrastate business. The orders were issued by the Public Service Commissions of the two states, after it was demonstrated the companies were operating at a loss.

An order issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission permitting an increase in rates of 2.86 per cent on interstate shipments will become effective September 1. This order was issued after the express companies had proved to the commission that the net operating deficits of all of them for 1914 totaled $2,198,194.29.

The commissions of the two states caused an analysis to be made of one day's express business in and out of Portland and Seattle, to and from intrastate points. The following tables were made showing the combined business of a representative express company in each city for one day and the total shipments and charges under present and proposed rates with percentage of increased revenue applying to the state business of the two states:

All shipments handled, 2815; present charges, $1422.91; proposed charges, $1455.78; increase, $32.87; percentage increase, $2.26.

Shipments of 50 pounds and under, 1086; present charges, $373.66; proposed charges, $405.07; increase, $31.40; percentage of increase, 8.2.

Of the shipments weighing 50 pounds and under the following number were subject to parcel post competition:

Number of shipments, 263; proposed express charges, $251; parcel post charges, $195.38.

In other words, 72 per cent of the shipments weighing 50 pounds and under were mailable by parcel post at charges 67.2 per cent of proposed express charges, or, if shipped by parcel post, a saving of 32.7 per cent could be effected over the proposed express rates.

Rate Affects Small Packages.

The proposed rates will make no change in the present charges on merchandise weighing 100 pounds or more, nor will there be any change in the present commodity rates on packages of any size or weight. Virtually all of the increases are on packages of merchandise weighing 50 pounds or less, 72 per cent of which are mailable by parcel post at less than the proposed express rates.

The Interstate Commerce Commission granted a hearing to the express companies, which introduced numerous exhibits showing for the last year under the old rates and the first year under the new rates the operations and financial condition of the companies, and demonstrated that the petitioners' revenue from transportation after demands of express privilege decreased from $71,264,972.67, in 1914, to $64,702,118.58 in 1915.

Proposed Revenue Explained.

Operating expenses during the same period decreased from $70,011,535.53 to $65,635,920.42, with the net operating revenue decreased from $1,253,438.14, in 1914, to a deficit of $1,432,811.34 in 1915.

After a year's trial the express companies made a showing that their net operating deficit for the year was $2,198,194.29, and it was estimated that if they continued to do approximately the same business for 1915 as for the previous year, the increase in their gross revenue under the new rates would be $5,062,474.18, or something less than $3,000,000 net revenue after paying operating expenses.

RACE RIOTING END IS AIM

WASHINGTON LABOR COMMISSIONER ADVANCES PLAN TO CANNERIES.

Agreement to Supply White Workers During Rush of Season Is Expected to Be Approved.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Race rioting at Blaine, Anacortes and other points near Bellingham, due to the employment of Japanese in the canneries, which has resulted in much disorder recently, will be obviated under an agreement that State Labor Agent Edward W. Olson is working out between the canneries and leaders of the white cannery employes.

Canneries complain they can not obtain enough white labor at rush times, when the fish are running good and the plants have to operate full swing, but Commissioner Olson has agreed to supply the white labor needed at those times, and it is believed canneries will consent to the arrangement.

"It will also be necessary," says the commissioner, "to assure canneries that when contracts for workmen at a given price are made they will be observed, so that during a heavy run of fish employers will not have a strike on their hands. The experience of some of the canneries has been that men will strike in the morning, get the raise in pay asked, go back to work at noon, and organize another strike for a still greater raise in the afternoon."

WATER DELEGATES NAMED

New Mexico Representatives to Portland Meeting Announced.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today received a letter from William C. McDonald, Governor of New Mexico, announcing the appointment of the following delegates from New Mexico to the water power conference to be held in Portland in September:

N. B. Laughlin, Santa Fe; E. W. Dobson, Albuquerque; C. M. Bayne, Raton; Joseph Gill, Clayton.

Gubernatorial Candidate on Tour.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—George A. Lee, of Spokane, who is a candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Republican state ticket, was in Chehalis yesterday meeting business men and leading Republicans of the city in the interest of his candidacy.

DIGNITARIES AND KIDDIES, AS THE CAMERA SAW THEM AT THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC PICNIC.

Top—A Merry Group of Prominent Men Who Helped to Make the Event a Success. From Left to Right: R. J. Clancy, of San Francisco, Assistant to the General Manager; Governor Withycombe, J. A. Ellis, Assistant Superintendent; F. L. Burkhalter, Superintendent, and F. G. Deckebach, of Salem Commercial Club. Bottom—Left: A Day of Unadulterated Fun Proved Tiring for Dainty Little Ruth Burkhalter. Right: Merriest of All Was Keneth Huntly and His Baby Sister Emogene.

FOLK OF RAIL PICNIC

Southern Pacific Workers Hear National Safety First Plea.

GOVERNOR TALKS TO 2000

Assistant to General Manager in Address Says Efficiency Standard of 100 Per Cent Reached. Road Supports 25,000 Here.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Speaking at the picnic of Southern Pacific employes, attended by 2000 railroad workers at the State Fair Grounds today, Governor Withycombe developed a new and bigger meaning for the phrase "Safety First," which was the theme of all the addresses. Safety first for the Nation, before all else, was his contention, and to obtain it the Nation must be prepared to maintain its peaceful safety against possible aggression.

"Today the motto of the individual and the corporation is 'Safety First,'" said the Governor, "and there is perhaps no better watchword. The matter should be taken further; the slogan should be made to include the Nation as well as the individual and the commercial organizations. We should lay our National plans, just as we plan industrially, so that our operations may be surrounded with safety. The safety of the Nation's people is its greatest responsibility.

"To obtain and maintain that safety, we must be prepared to protect. Any adequate protection means military and naval preparedness. All of us should be willing to encourage our representatives to work for such an end.

Militarism Not Wanted.

"We do not want, and the American people never will permit, anything even approaching militarism, but we do want, and we are entitled to have a military equipment which will at least give us a reasonable assurance of safety. In the face of the present world situation, such a move for National safety should come first in our National legislative programme."

R. J. Clancy, assistant to the general manager of the railroad, in summing up accidents to passengers, said:

"In 1913 the railroad made 15,194 efficiency tests of its train and enginemen, and the percentage of efficiency was 99.56. In 1914, 23,544 efficiency tests were made and the percentage of efficiency was 99.66. In 1915, 35,378 tests were made, and the percentage of efficiency was 99.93. In 1915 we made 5879 tests with home signal, distant signal and train order signal without a single mistake.

Road Supports 25,000 in Oregon.

Mr. Clancy said that 25,000 residents of Oregon were supported by the Southern Pacific Company and that its distributes annually for labor in the state, $3,350,000. Its payroll in Portland, he said, including the Brooklyn shops, contains more than 1400 names and amounts annually to $1,400,000. In Salem its payroll sustains 188 families with an annual disbursement of more than $170,000. The payroll in Roseburg is $260,000, and in Ashland, $115,000, annually.

The baseball team of the Brooklyn shops defeated that of the Beaverton shops by a score of 6 to 2. There were numerous other athletic events and the picnickers did not leave the grounds until almost dark.

GLAD HAND GIVEN PICNICKERS

Special Trains Carry Southern Pacific Folk to Salem.

Old Salem town woke up in glee and sent her band out yesterday to add to the merry day that brought into her midst the Southern Pacific Company's second annual picnic.

A special train in charge of Transportation Manager Lowe, left Portland at 8 o'clock well laden and with company dignitaries aboard, including R. J. Clancy, assistant to the general manager at San Francisco. Another well-filled train from Eugene arrived under the supervision of F. Hanssen. Arriving in Salem about 9:45 the guests were welcomed by the Salem Street Railway Employes' band.

F. G. Deckebach, of the Salem Commercial Club, spoke on the efficiency of modern railroads, and welcomed the party to Salem.

Some were at lunch and some were wandering about the grounds about noon time when the call of the bagpipes, played by M. Gray, lured the merrymakers to see some fascinating Scotch dances by dainty Miss V. Mathews.

Besides the picnic luncheon there was another feature to make the event a happy one—scores of pretty, healthy, hilarious kiddies having the time of their young lives, in swings, at games and gleeful baby individuals rollicking on the green.

Perhaps the happiest, for the 30 little boys, and the funniest for the crowd at large, was the watermelon-eating contest for lads under 10, won by T. Dagonstine, with W. Manassan, second. The greased pig proved another extremely humorous event. H. Dagostine captured him. The special tug-o'-war between the Brookly and Dallas boys was won by Dallas.

Other race results were: Boys' foot race, C. Carlton; potato race for girls under 16, Lera Cavander; boys three-legged race, Tom Becker and I. J. Hanna; girls' race, Margaret Mathews; sack race, W. Raboon; ball-throwing contest, Mrs. W. A. Spence; 100-yard dash for men, W. R. Willis; girls' race, 12 years or under, Eva Schultz; consolation foot race, C. Johnston; women's 75-yard dash, Mrs. Katherine Knecht and Miss Georgia Sullivan; broad jump, A. O. Rabsden.

Superintendent F. L. Burckhalter, R. J. Clancy and Assistant Superintendent C. W. Martyn acted as field judges. J. A. Ellis, assistant to the superintendent, was chairman and had charge of the sports events. Joseph Furlong was responsible for the exciting baseball game, and E. J. Becker awarded the prizes.

Among the prominent people present were D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager, and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. F. Hanasson, of Eugene, and H. L. Walters.

A dance continued until the picnic ended.

RUSES LAID TO AGENCIES

Devices to Violate Washington Employment Law Charged.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—State Labor Agent Edward W. Olson reports that private employment agents are practicing many flimsy devices to defeat the law adopted last Fall prohibiting the collecting from workers of fees for furnishing them with employment.

This is especially true in Spokane, it is charged, where the labor department has learned that the fees prohibited by law are collected by agencies in charges made for meals and for playing pool, the workers supposed to obtain the job free. Some agents, it is reported to the department, sell cheap jewelry at big prices, the jobs being furnished "free."

TEACHERS HEAR PLAN

Reorganizing of Association in State Discussed.

DR. H. D. SHELDON SPEAKER

Address Before Clackamas Training School Outlines Propsal to Abolish Two-Division Method. Exhibit at Fair Lauded.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Plans to reorganize the Oregon Teachers' Association were discussed by Dr. H. D. Sheldon, head of the Department of Education of the University of Oregon, today in an address before the Clackamas County Teachers' Training School.

A meeting of delegates from every county in the state will be held at Medford during the Christmas holidays, when the reorganization will be effected. One teacher will be elected for every 100 teachers in a county, and one from every organized body of teachers. Clackamas will have four representatives at the convention.

Dr. Sheldon declared the principal change would be the abolishment of the two-division plan. The Eastern division has few members, he said, and interest is lax. By combining the two sections, it is expected that one strong body would be formed.

Dr. Sheldon recently returned from the convention of the National Education Association at Oakland, Cal. He reported that Oregon was well represented in the attendance.

The university man was loud in praise of Oregon's representation at the exposition. The Oregon building is the most attractive on the ground, and the display one of the most complete made by any state exhibit.

The standardization exhibit of Oregon is by far the best educational exhibit in the exposition, and is attracting Nation-wide attention among educators, he declared. The idea is highly approved by the thousands of teachers and instructors.

Dr. Sheldon studied the work of the Training School and highly approved it. He said he would urge the adoption of a law by the next Legislature to compel teachers to attend part of the annual Training School.

SALOON PLAINTS ARE MADE

Idaho Governor Asks Information on Closing Law Violations.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Persistent complaints that the laws of the state are not being enforced brought a request from Governor Alexander yesterday to Proctor K. Perkins, Prosecuting Attorney for Blaine County, at Hailey, and he is directed to report to the chief executive at his earliest opportunity what information, complaints or other knowledge of law violation are in his possession.

The chief executive says, in part: "Complaint has been made that saloons in Ketchum operate 24 hours a day, seven days in the week, in violation of the laws of Idaho.

MORTON FACULTY CHOSEN

Schools Open Labor Day but No Session Will Be Held.

MORTON, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—F. S. Thompson, supervisor of consolidated school district No. 214, has announced this term's faculty. Five are from Tacoma, two from Chehalis, two from Centralia and one from Seattle. School begins September 6, but there will be no session that day, Labor day. The list of teachers and the schools at which they will teach follow:

Anna Green, Twin Firs; Frances L. Mann, Lewis; Amelia Slaudt, Cora; Victor Rowe, Owens; Allie Jordan, Mountain View; Rowena Carmichael, Vance; J. R. Logan, Mary Manny, Elso Gonseling, Elizabeth Konkel, all at Randle; Goldie Flowers, Kober; Mrs. Maud Anderson, Davis Lake; Paul J. Orr (principal), Mary Simonson, Janette Slaudt, Martha Huvil, Mira McLeod, Mabel Weisinger, all at Morton; Mrs. Cora G. Wood, Highland Valley; Faith Bartlett, Bremer; Maude Arnold, Lindberg; Q. B. Wright, Mineral; Bess Brown, Mineral; Florestino LaChapelle, Mineral; Margaret Wereitch, Pleasant Valley; Marie Fritz Flynn; Nellie Hershey, Riverside.

Arbitrators Advise Cut in Wages.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 25.—Arbitrators appointed by the government today presented a report recommending a reduction in wages of employes of the British Columbia Electric Railway, affecting virtually all of the tramway workmen in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria and interurban lines. The highest wages paid are 35 cents an hour to motormen and conductors who have been working five years. This scale is reduced 8½ per cent. Other grades of labor are reduced from 5 to 26 per cent.