

ROBERT SERVICE'S AFTER STATE POST

Baker Man Asks Support of "Common People" for Public Service Commission.

RAILROADS DECLARED FOE

Baker Man, With Varied Career, Has Figured in Important Rate Fights and Now Seeks Opportunity to Have Voice in Regulation.

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He has had an interesting and varied career. For two years he was head bookkeeper of a large company at Red Cloud, Neb. Then for a year and a half he was general manager of a saw and door factory at Crown Point, Ind., from there going to Pocatello, Idaho, where for nine years he was in the retail lumber and grocery business.

For seven years after coming to Baker he was a manufacturing wholesaler lumberman and shipper. It was in this business that he first became interested in the subject of freight rates, to the study of which he devoted himself for eight years.

He has frequently appeared before the Railroad Commission, now the Public Service Commission, in railroad rate matters. It was he who brought before the Commission the log rate case, from Baker, in 1912, which was said at the time to be the highest rate of freight rates than any Federal or state case previously brought in the Northwest.

In 1913 Mr. Service was a candidate for Railroad Commissioner on the Progressive ticket. Up to that time he had been a Republican. Some time ago he left the Progressives and returned to the old party.

Four Candidates in Race. He is the fourth announced candidate from east of the mountains for the Public Service Commission in railroad rate matters. He is followed by James E. Kyle, Mayor of Stanfield; H. H. Corey, present secretary of the Commission, and Ed. Wright of La Grande, County Clerk of Union County.

From the West Side only one candidate so far has announced himself. He is Fred Buchtel, of Portland, deputy state sealer of weights and measures. However, it is considered certain that Thomas J. Campbell, of Roseburg, one of the two incumbents whose terms expire this year, will be a candidate.

Clyde E. Atchison, of Portland, the other incumbent, also is expected to run again, though he has not announced himself. Under the old law, when all Commissioners were elected, one from the state at large, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Atchison were both elected in 1912. This year, with one Commissioner to be elected from the West Side and one from the East Side, one of them may step aside.

Statement is Issued. Mr. Service's statement of his candidacy follows: In making this announcement and in seeking the nomination for Public Service Commissioner, I do it conscious of the fact that, unless the common people of Eastern Oregon give me their support, I stand about as much chance of being nominated and elected to this office as the proverbial "needle in a haystack."

We need the railroads and other public utilities and ought to be liberal with them, and they, in turn, ought to be liberal with us. I have no quarrel with the railroads, but I have a quarrel with the men who are running them when they were wrong to expect their support, and only take this second "flyer" at this office, thinking that perhaps the people are ready for a change from regulation that regulates the people instead of the railroads.

In 1904, and prior thereto, the people of Oregon had a common law right to recover money paid to a carrier in excess of the lawful rate, and, at that time, the rate in order to be lawful, must be reasonable, and the fact that it was a published tariff rate did not make it reasonable, but remained a question of fact that could be determined in the courts by any aggrieved shipper.

In 1907 the act creating a Railroad Commission made the published tariff rate the lawful rate, and this is true, even though the rate proved to be unreasonable and confiscatory. A concrete example: A cause of action accrued to me for a published tariff rate of 15 cents per 100 lbs. because the published tariff rate was 10 cents; it remains to cents now; it was unlawful then, but lawful now. The immediate effect on the shipper is easy to discover, for "should such a cause arise today the shipper could not recover anything for the reason that the published tariff rate is made lawful by statute and the common law right heretofore, existing since Oregon was a state, is abrogated. The 10-cent rate is exactly as unreasonable now as then, and it was worth a \$10,000 judgment to a shipper at that time. Is this not too much of a regulation of other people in favor of corporate greed, and do you want your common law right restored? Many other laws affecting the interests of the common people are made apparent by a little study of the "interests."

"Interests" Declared Foe. I am informed that the "interests" have combined to defeat me in any event, for they say they cannot afford to lose me. Commissioner under any circumstances, and will see to it that I have plenty of company. My main desire is to see a man fill that office who will regulate in a law-abiding manner.

I can control my own actions and will permit myself to be the "flyer" of no one. I appeal to all the voters of Eastern Oregon to vote for the man and not the locality. Local pride should give way to some good man from the Eastern Oregon district, otherwise the "interests" will see to it that I have plenty of company for the "interests" that they thought might not be "friendly" or would "blow up" something.

I have resided in Baker 15 years; am a lawyer, though most of my time has been occupied in business pursuits up to 1907. I am an expert accountant and have made a specialty of the subject of railroad rate regulation for the past eight years, and succeeded in having rates materially reduced in Eastern Oregon and in exposing the falsification of railroad records where it was shown that about 50 per cent of a carrier's gross tonnage for the fiscal year was not recorded in the books, as was reported to the Railroad Commission, but instead a sworn report was sent to them which did



February Graduating Class (Lincoln High School) on Class Day Outing

PICNIC HELD IN SNOW

Lincoln Graduating Class Dines, Coasts and Dances.

AUTO TRIP PLAN CHANGED

Laurelhurst Clubhouse Is Scene of Unique Outing—Pencils Prepared for Sale to Raise Scholarship Funds.

Unique was the class picnic that was held yesterday by the members of the graduating class of Lincoln High School. Coasting on the hills in the neighborhood of the Laurelhurst clubhouse, where the picnic was held, provided the feature that has never been a part of any other class picnic in the memory of Portland high school students.

CODE CHANGE IS FAVORED

Realty Men Withdraw Opposition to Mr. Dieck's Proposal.

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DRIFTING OF SNOW KEEPS TRACK-CLEANING FORCE BUSY.

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Aquarium in Attic of Irvington Home Bursts and Floods Parlor—Water Tank Explodes With Loud Report and Bungalows Freeze.

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YOUR WIFE IS WORRIED WHEN YOU DON'T EAT

It's no fault of the food, or the cooking—what you want is appetite. "Is there anything else I can get you?" says your wife. Yes, there is.

WATER WAGON IS POPULAR

Express Companies Find General Dislike to Going on Record as Purchasers.

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Carriers Now Believe Loss of Intra-State Business Between Portland and Dry Points Will Not Be Compensated For.

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Advertisement for Steero Cubes, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing the product as a healthy and appetizing food.

39-YEAR RESIDENT IS DEAD

B. A. Selwert, Father of Portland Women, Passes at Salem.

PHASANTS INVADE CITY

Blue Birds Are Dying Near Eugene and Food Is Left Untouched.

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