

LUMBERMEN HEAR ESCH RATE PLAN

Charge Would Decrease as Load Is Increased, Using 50,000 Lbs. as Standard.

IDEA NOT FULLY GRASPED

Proposal Before Commission Is Being Digested by Industry Before Recommendation of Any Sort Is Made.

Representatives of the lumber associations of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana met yesterday in Portland in an effort to solve the Esch plan of rate classification, the Interstate Commerce Commission having asked for briefs on it by January 25. Traffic experts and men of practical shipping experience considered the plan for hours, and admitting that it was both attractive and dangerous, they finally came to the conclusion it was so far-reaching and revolutionary it would take weeks and probably months to develop the information sought by the Commission.

In discussing the features of the Esch plan last night, J. N. Teal said: "In a general way, subject to some modifications, under the Esch plan a car loading of 50,000 pounds is taken as a standard carload, and present rates are reasonable."

Load Increases, Rate Decreases. "As the loading increases by the measure of 10,000 pounds a car the rate decreases proportionately; that is, a 50,000-pound load would take the present rate, a 60,000-pound load a lower rate and a 70,000-pound load a still lower rate."

"On the other hand, a 40,000-pound load would take a higher rate, a 30,000-pound load a still higher rate, and so on. The plan is based on transportation cost only, no other factor being considered. There are other factors that must be and always have been considered, hence the plan is a very radical change from any lumber rate structure now in effect."

"It seems to be a modification of the so-called Peterson plan under discussion by the lumbermen and railroads for quite a while three or four years ago."

Plan Not Fully Understood. Mr. Esch says his plan is revolutionary. Lumbermen, more or less dumfounded, say Mr. Esch is absolutely right in his classification of the idea. They do not condemn it, neither do they fully comprehend it.

It is so radically different from the present basis of lumber rate-making that Joseph N. Teal, of Portland, has officially asked that the Esch plan be held in abeyance by the Interstate Commerce Commission until the lumber industry can get its breath.


Among those participating in the conference were A. C. Dixon, of Eugene, vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association; Joseph Gabel, Tacoma, chairman of the traffic committee of the West Coast Association; Joseph N. Teal, of Portland; Thorpe Haddock, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association; George M. Cornwall, Portland, publisher of the Timberman; A. W. Cooper, Spokane, secretary of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association; A. Larsson, San Francisco, representing redwood and pine associations; George McLeod, Hammond Lumber Company, Portland; L. Geringer, Willamette Valley Lumber Company, Dallas; George Shields, Spokane, Western Pine Manufacturers' Association; F. G. Donaldson, traffic manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association; C. H. McIntyre, Seattle, traffic manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association; Chester Hogue, Portland, assistant secretary West Coast Lumbermen's Association, and Robert B. Allen, of Seattle.

SALOONMEN HEAVILY FINED

New York Court Assesses \$1800 Penalty for Sunday Misstep.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Eleven saloonkeepers of this city were each fined \$1800 today by Justice Cohan, in the Supreme Court, for having sold a glass of beer or whisky on Sunday, contrary to law. The court also added \$75.99 for costs to which the state had been put to prosecute the cases.

As each saloonkeeper was bonded the city and state will divide nearly \$20,000 in fines.



The Price of Silence

Starring

William Farnum

Now Playing

Majestic

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Sunday Crowd Storming Broadway Theater to See "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea."

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Peoples—Clara Kimball Young, "The Foolish Virgin."
Majestic—William Farnum, "The Price of Silence."
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Sunset—Mary Pickford, "Hearts Adrift."
Star—Pauline Frederick, "The Slave Market."
Broadway—"Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea."
Globe—Viola Dana—"Children of Eve."

Broadway Breaks Record.
It is asserted that all Portland records for attendance at a motion picture theater were broken at the Broadway Sunday, when more than 9000 persons witnessed the screening of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," an eight-reel picturization of Jules Verne's story of that name.

The J. Warren Kerrigan Film Corporation at last has been organized, or at least Kerrigan has signed a long-term contract that not only calls for the organization of the company, but gives him control of it. A studio will be erected at Hollywood, Cal., and the first picture filmed in March.

HEA MITCHELL, the Portland girl who has achieved fame in the world of motion pictures, is the latest film favorite to be honored with the organization of a producing company bearing her name. The Rhea Mitchell Film Corporation is a reality, and from studios at Fort Lee, N. J., soon will come a series of pictures featuring the girl who attracted such wide attention under the direction of Thomas H. Ince. Miss Mitchell played in the Baker Stock Company for two seasons in Portland and also in Spokane.

Conway Tearle, who supports Clara Kimball Young in "The Foolish Virgin," is one of the most sought after leading men on the American stage. During the last few years he has been leading man for no less a galaxy of famous women of the stage than Ethel Barrymore, Grace George, Billie Burke, Viola Dana and Margaret Anglin.

Beatriz Michelena, who appeared at the Star Theater in "The Unwritten Law," has resigned from the California Motion Picture Corporation and is negotiating with picture people to head a company of her own. These negotiations, it is said, are proceeding on a minimum salary basis of \$2500 a week.

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Experiences of a castaway girl and a man on a tropic island.

MARY PICKFORD

in

HEARTS ADrift

Today

SUNSET

Next Sunday

RICHARD J. JOSE

No other singer was ever known to have a voice just like Jose's. That wonderful, sweet contra tenor stands alone. He will appear in person, singing an accompaniment to the picture "SILVER THREAD AMONG THE GOLD," in which he plays the leading role.

HALL WILL BE READY

George Baker Promises Auditorium by June 1.

BIG CONVENTION DISCUSSED

Plans for Meeting of National Education Association in July Occupy Attention of Members at Luncheon of Chamber.

Big crowds, pleased crowds—go today. Only today and tomorrow.

A compelling drama of life today

"The Foolish Virgin"

By Thomas Dixon. Played by Selznick stars, headed by beautiful

Clara Kimball Young

Her newest, greatest role. Fascinating Pictographs, too.

Peoples

Only today and tomorrow, the greatest of them all—

Another "hit"—at the house of "hits."

Pauline Frederick

with Thomas Meighan, in a smashing, romantic drama,

"The Slave Market"

A New Paramount Picture; World Tours, also—a delightful programme.

STAR

Washington at Park.

Mayor Mitchell, Dr. Roberts is the first negro to be appointed to the board since the organization of Greater New York in 1898. He was formerly a medical inspector in the schools.

Telephone Company Elects. THE DALLIES, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dry Hollow and Three-Mile Telephone Company was held this afternoon at the Courthouse. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Alexander Fraser, president; C. C. Creston, secretary-treasurer. The directors are George Cooper, W. W. Rawson and Corbin Corson.

An Englishman is the inventor of an alarm to show when vapor is leaking from gasoline pipes in garages.

JAMES BROADWAY THEATER

NOW PLAYING

That Great Film Triumph

Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

The first and only photo-drama enacted on the bottom of the ocean. Capacity houses at the Big Broadway Theater yesterday. 11 A. M. to 11 P. M.

Admission 15 Cents

Children 5¢ Loges 50¢

SHOW STARTS 11:00 A. M. 12:45 P. M. 2:30 P. M. 4:15 P. M. 6:00 P. M. 7:45 P. M. 9:30 P. M.

MRS. ANNA WALLACE DIES

Pneumonia Is Fatal to Highland Resident at 83 Years.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna Wallace, wife of Godfred Wallace, died at the family home at Highland Sunday from pneumonia, and the funeral services will be held tomorrow from the Myers & Brady chapel here. The interment will be in the Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. Wallace was born August 11, 1842, and on October 7, 1866, she was married to Godfred Wallace. She is survived by her husband, three sons, John Wallace of Caldwell, Idaho; Joe Wallace, of Highland; George Wallace, of Broad Acre, Or.; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Hettman and Mrs. George Berger, of Seattle, Wash.

AUTO CLUB MEET CALLED

Directors Will Be Chosen for State-Wide Motor Association.

A special meeting of the Portland Automobile Club has been called for Wednesday evening of next week, January 17, at which time 15 directors for the newly evolved Oregon State Motor Association will be chosen from among 20 listed by the club's nominating committee.

Following the election of the new directors the organization heretofore known as the Portland Automobile Club will become the Oregon State Motor Association, with state-wide activities. The meeting next week will be held in the main dining-room of the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock.

Negro on Board of Education.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Dr. E. P. Roberts, a negro, today was appointed a member of the board of education by

MONK REPORTED ALIVE

PETROGRAD ADVICES ARE THAT GREGORY RASPUTIN IS HIDING.

Assassination Story Spread by His Friends to Aid Escape, Is Story Renching Copenhagen.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Stockholm newspaper Nya Dagbladet Allehand, as quoted in an Exchange Telegram dispatch from Copenhagen, says that according to reliable information from Petrograd it is not believed there that the monk, Gregory Rasputin, circumscribed by the Russian government, was published recently, is dead.

The statement that his body was taken from the Neva is incorrect, according to this information, and the story of his death was circulated by the friends in order that he might escape.

For several weeks Rasputin has been threatened with death, the newspaper says, but he is in close concealment it is impossible that he could have been murdered.

Wife-Murderer Found Guilty.

OSWEGO, N. H., Jan. 8.—A verdict of "guilty, with capital punishment," was returned tonight against Frederick L. Small, former Boston broker, who was charged with the murder of his wife, Florence A. Small.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Deaf Mute Shot by Highwayman.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Jan. 8.—When Sidney Smith, 22, a deaf mute, tonight paid no heed to a command to "throw up his hands," a robber shot him four times. Smith died in a hospital a few hours later. The murderer escaped. The crime was committed on a street in the business district.