

CITY TRAFFIC CLUB NEUTRAL ON RATES

Decision Not to Take Sides Follows Discussion of Railroads' Request.

CARRIERS' PRESENT CASE

Secretary of Association Gives Figures Showing Increase of Net Earnings of Western Railways in Past Year.

The Portland Traffic and Transportation Association declined yesterday to go on record on the railroads' proposed 15 per cent increase in freight rates.

After listening for half an hour to the words of the carriers' representatives and hearing the opposing contentions of J. H. Lothrop, secretary of the association, and of individual members, the meeting decided to leave the entire question of increasing the rate to the "fairness of the Commission."

Frank J. Miller and H. H. Corey, members of the Commission, were present, but did not take part in the discussion with the exception of an explanation by Mr. Miller of the plans for conducting a series of hearings in various parts of the state.

The case of the carriers was presented by Frank W. Robinson, traffic manager for the C.-W. R. & N. Company, W. D. Skinner, traffic manager for the North Bank, and H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent for the Southern Pacific.

Operation Cost Increases. Mr. Robinson pointed out the expenses of operation have increased within the last three years, particularly in the last year.

"You, as manufacturers and merchants," he declared, "can do the obvious thing when your expenses increase. You can pass the cost on to your patrons—add it to the price of your goods."

"But with the railroads, we cannot increase the price of our goods—our transportation—without the consent of the commission."

"The present rates were fixed on a basis of what the railroads do to business and earn a reasonable income six or eight years ago. It is not necessary to go into figures to show how the cost of doing business has advanced in that time."

Mr. Skinner and Mr. Hinshaw followed with similar presentations, each speaking for the carriers in general, but of his own road more in particular. But when the shippers took the floor they attempted to show that the railroads' cry of "high costs."

Mr. Lothrop presented a series of figures to show that the carriers really are not in need of an increase—that they are earning a heavier net return this year than in any year in their history, with the exception of last year.

Surpluses Are Accumulated. "In 1915," he said, "the Southern Pacific, after paying interest of 6 per cent dividends on stock and making other appropriations, shows a balance of \$34,500,000, which, added to the accumulation of previous years, gave a credit balance of \$17,000,000. The estimated increase in expenses for 1917 was a little more than \$15,000,000, about \$15,000,000 less than 15 per cent increase in revenue based on 1916 basis."

"The Union Pacific, after paying 4 per cent on preferred and 8 per cent on common stock and appropriating large sums for other purposes, had a surplus of over \$17,000,000 to add to its former balance, making a total of nearly \$135,000,000 surplus accumulated."

"In this time of emergency, however, when carriers want higher rates to meet the increased expenses, the Union Pacific is paying extra dividends on its common stock. In December, 1916, it declared an extra dividend of 2 per cent, payable in January, 1917. In January, 1917, it declared an extra one-half per cent, payable in April, and in April another one-half per cent, payable next July."

A. H. Devers, I. Lang, W. B. McPherson, L. Allen Lewis and others advised against going on record on the question, so the decision to allow the case to go to the Commission entirely on its merits was unanimously adopted.

MARRIAGE FAILS TWICE

Wife Deserts Each Time Without Cause, A. Brasen Tells Court.

Andrew Brasen has been married twice and on each occasion his wife

Appetite Finicky and Fussy? Tempt it with a light, nutritious food that helps you to shake off the shackles of a Winter diet. Eat Shredded Wheat Biscuit with berries and cream or milk. Two or three of these Biscuits with fruits and green vegetables make a nourishing, satisfying meal at a cost of a few cents. Ready-to-eat—no cookery, no kitchen worry.

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Idaho State Land Sold. GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, June 27.—(Special.)—The state land sale conducted Monday by State Land Commissioner Smoot resulted in the transfer of approximately 1260 acres, mostly in small tracts of 40 acres and less. The first payments in land sold, on a basis of 10 per cent of the purchase price, totaled approximately \$2400.

CHICAGO, June 27.—(Special.)—The following Oregonians are registered at Chicago hotels today: From Portland, at the Blackstone, Mr. and Mrs. William MacMaster; at the La Salle, H. A. Cushing. From Corvallis, at the La Salle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Zieffle.

STREAM BURNS FACE AND NECK.—Harry Nelson, age 23, of 131 East Salmon street, was burned about the face and neck yesterday afternoon at the Columbia Engineering Works at Linton. A hose to the boiler became disconnected and the steam struck him in the face. His injuries are only skin deep and it is thought he will be able to leave St. Vincent's Hospital in a few days.

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has left him suddenly and without any cause, according to his story as told yesterday to Presiding Judge Kavanaugh. Andrew's last matrimonial venture was in 1909, when he married a woman 16 years younger than himself. They lived together for about three years and then his wife went to visit her mother. He avers she is still there, so far as he knows. A decree was awarded to him.

Domestic strife was frequent in the home of William and Rosa Schenk, according to the divorce complaint of the husband, which was filed yesterday. They were married in 1902 and have three children. He wants a divorce decreed after the death of the children.

Sadie Tobias accuses Frank Tobias of both cruelty and desertion in her suit for divorce. They were married in 1911. She asks the return of the name of Sadie Engel be restored to her.

Married in Vancouver in 1915, Theresa Fleck is now repenting two years later in the divorce courts of Portland. She started suit yesterday for a divorce from Augustus Fleck. She demands alimony of \$30 a month, claiming that her husband employed as a timekeeper at a salary of \$85 a month.

SHRINERS, 1919, IS HOPE

NOBLES WILL GO TO ATLANTIC CITY NEXT YEAR.

Social Features Were Eliminated From 1917 Session at Minneapolis Because of War; Only 900 Attended.

Portland seems assured of the Imperial Council session, Order of the Mystic Shrine, in 1919. A telegram to Al Kader Temple yesterday from G. W. Stapleton, grand master of Portland, delegates to the Imperial Council now being held in Minneapolis, advises that the 1918 session will go to Atlantic City and that there is no opposition to Portland in 1919.

Because of the war the current session was made a much less imposing gathering than it would otherwise have been. All social features were eliminated and the business session only was held. Instead of several thousand delegates and their friends attending, Minneapolis was host to not more than 900 Shriners.

Portland had intended to send 100 Nobles to urge Portland's claims for 1919, but because of the changed conditions now prevailing, only four delegates were sent: G. W. Stapleton, H. W. Hutchinson, Thomas B. Kay and A. W. Orton.

Because next year's session has been fixed for Atlantic City, it is thought the Pacific Coast will have an especially good claim upon the 1919 gathering. Portland has made a consistent campaign for the convention, and the Pacific Northwest delegates have been most helpful in aiding local delegates.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. H. O'Malley is at the Perkins from Seattle.

C. M. Keep, of Washougal, is at the Oregon.

E. J. Lyle, of Klamath Falls, is at the Portland.

C. E. Leibig, of Pasadena, is at the Portland.

J. P. Rhodes, of Spokane, is at the Imperial.

R. H. Wager, of New York, is at the Multnomah.

J. W. Howard, of San Francisco, is at the Perkins.

Mrs. Mina Brooks, of Redding, Cal., is at the Perkins.

Rev. L. L. Loomis, of Brownsville, is at the Carlton.

F. N. Robinson is at the Oregon from Pomeroy, Wash.

C. J. Trautman is at the Carlton from Rochester, N. Y.

D. H. Stegman, of Centerville, Wash., is at the Perkins.

Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Clements, of Salem, are at the Perkins.

D. Burdick registered at the Ritz yesterday from Salem.

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Greeter, of Prineville, are at the Ritz.

C. E. Brim, of San Francisco, is registered at the Nortonia.

G. W. Parman, of Condon, is registered at the Cornelia.

Mrs. Emily E. Roberts is at the Portland from Indianapolis.

F. E. Fletcher and wife, of Redlands, Cal., are at the Sewall.

E. J. Adams is a Eugene visitor registered at the Imperial.

From Duluth, Minn., is C. W. Nelson, registered at the Carlton.

R. H. Bakerford, of St. Helena, is registered at the Imperial.

S. E. Savage and wife, of Houston, Tex., are at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers are at the Seward from Wila, Wla.

C. E. Skidmore, of Berkeley, Cal., is registered at the Nortonia.

L. V. Perry registered at the Portland yesterday from Lynn, Mass.

All Charge Purchases Made Today and Remainder of Month Go on July Bill, Payable August 1—S. & H. Trading Stamps on Purchases Manicuring and Hairdressing Parlors, Second Floor—Trunks, Suitcases and Bags, Fourth Floor—Rest Rooms and Telephones, 2d Floor

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\$22.45 for Women's Suits of Silk or Wool Jersey —A Notable Suit Sale!

Second Floor—For women who buy Suits of the better grades, this sale offers a rare opportunity to choose from beautiful high-class Suits at a great price-reduction. All are garments from our regular stock—this season's smartest styles for sport, street and dress wear, made up in Norfolk or Russian blouse effects and many novelty styles. All have the latest sport collars and cuffs—some have belts, others with belted ties. Imported Shantung silks in combination of plain colors with stripes or figures—also taffeta silks and wool jerseys. Excellent assortment of light and dark colors. Now \$22.45

Coverall Dresses Special 79c Center Circle, First Floor—Women's Coverall Dresses of fancy striped ginghams or plain percale with striped trimming. Front or side fastening. Square or V neck. Belted waistline. On 79c sale Thursday at special price of 79c

Novelty Waists \$4.49 Second Floor—Fancy and tailored styles in white, flesh and novelty effects. Georgette crepe, nets, crepe de chine, taffeta and Jap silks. Priced special \$4.49

Women's Silk Dresses On Sale Thursday At Special Only \$11.95

Second Floor—Women's and Misses' Dresses of taffeta silk, Georgette crepe, crepe de chine, satins and combinations of serges, taffetas and crepes. High waistline effects with full skirts, also popular Russian blouse style. Good range of colors. Dresses formerly selling at a much higher price grouped into one special lot and marked for quick selling in this great bargain event at only, your choice \$11.95

Millinery Clean-Up

Sport Hats, Street Hats and Dress Hats

A rousing Clean-Up Sale of Millinery for Thursday at prices far below regular worth. Hats for outing and sport wear—Hats for street and dress occasions in pretty Jap braids, Leghorns, Milans, etc. Double brim and two-toned Leghorns, black Milans with drooping or straight brims and many other fashionable shapes with very latest trimming. Department Second Flr.

4 Big Lots

Lot 1—Hats at \$1.50

Lot 2—Hats at \$3.50

Lot 3—Hats at \$5.00

Lot 4—Hats at \$6.50

Coffee Day

Model Grocery Fourth Floor

—OWK Imperial Roast Coffee, special, the pound 29c

—OWK Cocoa in bulk, 24c priced special, a pound

Loganberry Juice Fourth Floor—Jones' Loganberry Juice, a delicious, wholesome beverage for warm days. Try a glass at the demonstration booth. On sale Thursday at special low price, the bottle 20c

—Large size bottle, special 39c

3-Day Sale Hair Goods

\$ 7.50 Switches, Special at \$4.98

\$12.50 Switches, Special at \$8.89

Second Floor—Natural Wavy Hair Switches made up in three separate stems. \$7.50 \$4.98 values, special \$4.98

—Special Lot of 3-stem Switches now at only \$1.98

—Natural Wavy Hair Switches in three separate stems. \$10.00 to \$12.50 values, special \$8.89

—Special Lot of 3-stem Switches now at only \$1.98

Muslinwear At 98c

Bargain Circle, First Floor—Women's Envelope Chemise with lace and embroidery trimmed yokes in four styles—also dainty Crepe Nightgowns in plain white and flesh-colored floral designs. See these attractive garments 98c on sale Thursday at only 98c

—EXTRA SPECIAL—Women's Combination Suits, open-drawer styles, lace and embroidery trimmed. \$2.50 value \$1.69

All Refrigerators Are Reduced

Third Floor—All Refrigerators now at special low prices—don't delay, get yours now and have the benefit of the full season's use.

—\$18.60 Refrigerator priced special now at \$14.90

—\$22.50 Refrigerator priced special now at \$18.24

—\$27.00 Refrigerator priced special now at \$20.25

—\$42.00 Refrigerator priced special now at \$31.50

All Garden Hose at Reduced Prices

ELKS PRESENT OPERA

"Sultan of Sulu" Revided for Charity's Sake.

FUND ALL FOR DEPENDENTS

Services of Several Professional and Amateur Players Are Donated and Prominent Men Will Aid.

For the benefit of the dependents of the men at the front, the local Elks Lodge is giving four performances of "The Sultan of Sulu" at the Eleventh-street playhouse beginning tonight.

The "Sultan" has not been seen in Portland for many years, but the lines of George Ade's most successful comic opera are still as sparkling as when they were first written.

The Elks make this explanation of their present effort: Everything that has been done since the beginning of the war has been for the soldiers. The Elks are trying to remember the people whom the soldiers have left behind. A great part of their charity is to preserve the self-respect of the people to whom they extend aid—people who might otherwise suffer because their pride did not permit them to appeal to public charities.

Fund All for Dependents. One hundred per cent of the proceeds of this performance will go into the fund for dependents. Several of the best professional and amateur players in the city have donated their services. Waldemar Lind is musical director, Cary Houseman is stage director, George Hitchkiss Street appears in the leading role of Kiram, Mrs. Herman Politz and Miss Fay Raddick alternate in the leading woman's part, Warren Erwin appears as the Lieutenant, W. H. Frost, bass singer of the Ad Club quartet, as Colonel Budd; R. H. Robertson as Jones, Mrs. Herbert G. Reed as Pamela, Miss Grace Dawson as Chiquita and Charles Ringler as Hadji. Miss Frances Hanrahan, Montrose M. Ringler and Miss Wilberta Babidge appear in dances; Miss Helen Drain sings an interpolated number, "China Chong"; and the Norwegian Society, Columbia, and the Swedish singing society have furnished voices for the men's chorus.

Prominent Men Aid. Mayor-elect George L. Baker, Judge William Gatana, Judge Arthur C. Dayton, J. E. Werlein, Plowden Stott, William Adams, City Treasurer, and other prominent men will sell candy during the performance, and Governor Withycombe will attend on Friday night. There is an orchestra of 15 pieces and a cast of 60 people, in addition to the Elks' band, which will be a feature of the performance.

Steamer Brings \$300,000 in Gold. SEATTLE, June 27.—The steamer Victoria arrived from St. Michael today with \$300,000 of gold from Yukon River camps.

TWO OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN "SULTAN OF SULU" BENEFIT BY THE ELKS AT THE ELEVENTH-STREET THEATER TONIGHT.



Mrs. Herman Politz



Waldemar Lind

CIVIC FORUM READY

Dedication of Portland's New Auditorium Planned.

ROSARIANS HAVE CHARGE

Tentative Programme Prepared in Which Retiring Mayor and New Head of City Are to Play Important Parts.

With a programme of music and speeches of a patriotic nature, Portland's beautiful \$500,000 public Auditorium will be formally dedicated to the public on the morning of July 4.

The Rosarians, who were delegated by Mayor-elect Baker to take charge of the dedication, have worked up a tentative programme which will combine into one affair a Fourth of July programme and a programme suitable to the dedication of the building which is to play a big part in Portland's civic activities from now on.

A committee comprising E. A. Clark, W. E. Finzer, William McMurray, H. J. Blasing and P. M. Case was named yesterday by the Rosarians to take charge of the ceremony. This committee will decide on the definite programme. Dean Vincent, prime minister of the Rosarians, will preside, and will have general charge. The Monday Musical Club and theaters of the Confederacy will be on the programme for musical numbers of some sort.

Tentative Programme Given. The tentative programme calls for music from the Rosarian band and the Rosarian quartet, patriotic music and songs to be sung in unison by the audience. Invocation, presentation of the key of the building to Former Mayor Albee by the contractor, Hans Pedersen, reading of the Declaration of Independence, oration of the day by Mayor Baker, and music.

While Mayor Albee has been asked by Mr. Baker to participate and accept the key, inasmuch as the building has been constructed under his administration, he may not be able to attend. He is out of the city at present, but may return for the affair.

It is planned to have the stage artistically decorated and to have representatives of various civic organizations and persons who have played a part in the Auditorium movement and construction seated on the stage. The entire lower floor will be open, arrangements having been made for the seating of 5500 persons.

A large force of men is working hard to get the building in shape and Mayor-elect Baker, who has charge, says it will be ready for the opening except for a few details which will be hardly noticeable. Unfortunately, the \$25,000 pipe organ, which is being installed, will not be ready.

The hour for the programme has not been settled but probably it will begin at 10:30 A. M. This will give ample time to finish the programme and allow those who attend to get dinner in time to attend the parade of soldiers at 2 P. M.

Lebanon's City Marshal Resigns. LEBANON, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—

OREGON DOCTOR HONORED

Dr. V. R. Abrahams One of Five to Go to France at Once.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—In a letter received by his wife today, Dr. V. R. Abrahams, formerly of Forest Grove, but who has been practicing here for a number of years and who was County Physician at the time he was recently called to report, tells that out of 800 physician officers at the front, he was one of five chosen to leave first with an ambulance company for France.

Dr. Abrahams says he expects to be in France before the summer is over. Dr. Abrahams holds the commission of First Lieutenant.

BIG SAWMILL IS LEASED

Plant, Business and Ships Are Valued at Half Million.

SEATTLE, June 27.—The Port Blakely Mill Company, owning a great sawmill at Port Blakely, near Seattle, has leased its plant for a long period to Comyn, Mackall & Co., large exporters, who will operate the mill under the name of the Pacific Freighters Company. The Skinner & Eddy Corporation, owner of most of the mill stock, is withdrawing from the lumber business to devote itself to shipbuilding.

The lessee has orders that will keep the mill running day and night, and owns ships to carry cargoes all over the world. The lease was made on a valuation of \$500,000.

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