

RATE READJUSTMENT COMPLAINT ENTERED

Interstate Commerce Commission to Hear Issues.

LOCATION POINT INVOLVED

Wheat Growers of Interior Sections May Become Parties to Action for Satisfactory Tariffs.

Filing of the complaint with the interstate commerce commission by attorneys representing Portland traffic organizations to obtain a determination of the question as to whether advantages of location have any right to recognition in fixing freight rates has weakened public interest. Speculation was rife yesterday as to the probable date for the hearing, which it is conceded will be the most important to Portland industry that has been asked for and hours to have influence upon future development.

"If it is actually a handicap to be nearer the wheatfields of the Columbia river basin, it is high time we fixed it," said J. N. Neal, attorney for the Chamber of Commerce and Portland Traffic and Transportation association.

The defendant railroads and the United States railroad commission will have 90 days in which to make answer to the complaint after receipt of notice. Thereafter the commission will set the case for hearing on the merits of the members of the commission, or possibly more than one, and the testimony no doubt will be heard at Portland, as is customary in such cases.

Wheatgrowers interested. Producers and shippers at the interior points are as anxious to ascertain whether rates are based upon cost of service or for the preferential advantage of points located at the greater distance, as are Portland grain and milling institutions.

GRAND MARCH ABANDONED

Oregon Boys' Benefit Dance Will Begin at 7:30 P. M. Friday.

There will be no grand march at the Oregon boys' benefit dance to be given at the auditorium on Friday evening, according to announcements made yesterday by the united auxiliaries reception committee.

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How Many Times Have You Said:

I would like to dress just like that lady crossing the street? Well, you can. Next time just drop in at Cherry's. If they haven't the exact duplicate, they have many more individually suited to your own style.

SOCIETY NEWS

Great enthusiasm and rivalry prevailed in the large membership of the Laurelhurst club over the annual masquerade and Valentine party which will be an important event of the evening.

The Zerolene club, an organization composed of employees of the Portland branch of the Standard Oil company, will entertain their members and friends with a masquerade ball and card party at the Multnomah hotel Friday evening.

Ross City Park Community club will hold its annual patriotic valentine party tomorrow night. A special augmented orchestra has been engaged and the clubrooms decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perkins, prominent residents of Boston, are the hosts of the party at the home of Mrs. Perkins, 1445 Broadway, on Wednesday evening.

St. Ann's Charitable society will meet today at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. P. J. Flynn, 151 Twenty-first street.

The Lady Elks' Card club will meet this afternoon to play 600. Mrs. R. J. P. Buchanan and Mrs. J. H. Kluge are in charge of the affair.

Portland artists and their friends are looking forward to the private viewing of paintings and sculpture by Portland artists which will continue during the season, and more than 250 women, members of the club and their guests, were entertained.

Another festival scheduled for this evening is the third of card parties and dances for which the Scottish Rite Masons are hosts. The affair will be given in their cathedral.

St. Valentine's day will be celebrated by the Portland Woman's club tomorrow afternoon at the Multnomah hotel with programme and informal reception.

Following the programme a reception will be held honoring Dr. Mary Thompson, a charter member of the club, who is celebrating her 54th birthday anniversary.

Important among the events of the club year will be the annual state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be held at the Multnomah hotel, February 17 and 18.

Despite the increasing lack of interest which has seriously interfered with the work on refugee garments and health garments since the armistice, the auxiliary meets each Monday and Thursday from 10 A. M. to 12 P. M. in the work rooms on Twelfth and Main streets.

A social hour of unusual interest has been planned for the vespers tea of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Lucien E. Beckner, organist of the First Congregational church, will preside.

Dr. Louise Richter, official lecturer for the department will address women and girls of the Highland and Woodlawn districts at the Highland school this evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Palmer have returned from a month's journey at Los Angeles and its surrounding beaches.

The card party scheduled for January 27 by the ladies' auxiliary to Ancient Order of Hibernians, which was postponed on account of the epidemic, will be held on February 24 in Hibernia hall, 24 Russell street.

Miss Jewett came here two years ago from Cincinnati and commenced writing humorous stories of this city, which have been run in many publications.

The young ladies' sodality of St. Paul's church is holding a card party last night in the parish hall, celebrating Lincoln's birthday.

Centralia Soldier Discharged. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—Mildred Benjamin, son of Mrs. Sarah Benjamin of this city, has received his discharge from the army and has returned here.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

Important among the club affairs of the week was the reception and card party given yesterday afternoon by the Portland Woman's Research club in the crystal room of the Benson hotel.

Bridge and five hundred were played at the home of Mrs. E. L. Knight, violinist, played two numbers, accompanied by Miss May Reed, who sang a group of songs and a charming encore.

The Sunnyside W. C. T. U. will hold a Willard memorial service at the home of Mrs. Mildred Hanson, 374 Marguerite avenue, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Auxiliary to company E, 15th engineers, will meet tonight in the peace room of the Multnomah hotel. Important business will be discussed and all members are urged to be present.

Miss Brenda Francklyn will speak at the University club Friday at the luncheon home "Present and Future of the French." It is expected that the audience will gather for this affair to hear this distinguished speaker, who is author of a lecture written and given in the far east.

The Lonesome club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. K. Palmer, building. A pleasant informal evening of dancing and music was enjoyed and spoken of by Helen Gray, recently of Chicago.

A lecture on social hygiene will be given at Thompson school this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. Louise May Richter, official representative of the government. The audience will comprise the women and girls of Thompson and Shaver school districts.

At the Ladies' League last Thursday afternoon at Lundberg hall, Mrs. L. F. Kluge and Mrs. J. P. Buchanan were hostesses. In "609" the honors were won by Mrs. W. Y. Graves and Mrs. T. J. Mountain. In bridge, to Mrs. E. T. Hall and Mrs. H. E. Alger.

Vancouver Officer to Washington. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Major James P. Bradner, in command of the Vancouver barracks company of the spruce production division until after the armistice was signed, has been transferred to the aircraft production division, Washington, D. C., and left for Washington Monday night.

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