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THE COLUMBIA BASIN'S CASE

That the people of Portland and of the entire Columbia river basin should clearly understand what is at issue in the Columbia basin rate case is of vital importance. The hearing which begins today may and probably will be only the opening of a long controversy.

FIRST OF THE FLOCK

The contract for four steel steamers which has been given by the Scandinavian yard of business men to the Albina yard is the first to be closed in Portland since the shipping board lifted the embargo on foreign contracts.

UNFOUNDED CLAIM

After passing through Portland look for the small towns. Most of them are spread far and wide, and some are as low as eight miles. A justice of the peace and notoriety cop do the rest.

SUMMER WEATHER

Everybody about Mark Twain, complained of the weather but nobody ever did anything about it. It is the common failing of humanity thoughtlessly to consider its personal comfort first, in disregard of the benefits which may result from a warm spell which ripens the crops, or a rainy season which fills the natural reservoirs of a cold snap which is supposed to make away with next season's orchard and garden pests.

ving before the senate committee on January 3, 1919, he said:

One of the most wasteful practices in railroad operation in the past has been the use of circuitous routes in the handling of freight.

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