

VETERAN OFFICIAL TO RETAIN PLACE

Dayton Elects Mr. Tucker School Clerk Again.

SIXTEENTH TERM BEGINS

Directors Are Selected at Many Other Oregon Towns, Including Beaverton, Gold Hill.

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Mr. Weatherford has been a member of the school board for many years and was re-elected. Mr. McDowell will succeed Alfred C. Schmitt, ex-president of the First National bank of Albany, who was not a candidate for re-election.

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SWITCHING RATES ON EAST SIDE CUT

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\$2.50 TO BE NEW CHARGE

Thousands of Dollars Expected to Be Saved Merchants of District Across River.

That a substantial reduction in the switching charges on East Water street will be made immediately by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and that three railroad lines, namely, the Southern Pacific, Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company will absorb all east side switching charges in their rates on all land freight shipments other than local, was the announcement made yesterday by the committee of 15 prominent east side business men who have been conferring with the railroad officials.

A smaller sub-committee was appointed consisting of Frank C. O'Reilly of the Diamond O Navigation company; George Cherry of P. L. Cherry & Co., and S. L. Brown of the Pacific Storage & Delivery company, to request immediate action on the part of the rail companies, and after a meeting with the officials of the four lines representing the foregoing report was carried back to the main committee.

The rail companies have agreed to put the new rates in effect at once.

Officials at Conference. Present at the conference in which the decision to lower the rates was made were W. D. Skinner of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway; J. D. Hunt, traffic manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company; J. H. Mulchay, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and A. Kelling, assistant general freight agent of the Union Pacific.

P. J. Rosenberger, superintendent of the Supply docks and chairman of the committee which has been conferring with the rail companies to get the excessive charges reduced, said yesterday that the will ingness with which the railroad officials complied with the requests of the committee was appreciated by all of the business interests concerned. The biggest concession was made by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company which has reduced all of its charges to the maximum of \$2.50.

The franchise owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for their lines on East Water street was said originally to have limited the charges for switching to \$2.50 a car, but that in recent years this had been abrogated and the charges ran up in all cases to \$5.00 on each car except for cement. The minimum charges for switching cement cars by the company have been \$5.50. The other three companies concerned were not affected substantially by the new ruling. But under the plan which has been in operation, each of the four rail companies was entitled to charge its minimum rate if the shippers' cars crossed its tracks. The flat rate charge of \$2.50 will now be made.

The old plan has also been to make switching charges according to the different commodities hauled. Under the new arrangement the flat rate of \$2.50 for each car will apply to all commodities and the differential rate plan will be abandoned.

Saving Is Enormous. The new rates created by the adjustment conference between the rail officials and the business interests of the east side will mean a saving of thousands of dollars each year to the interested concerns. Much new business will be drawn to the east side through the reduction of the excessive switching rates, and it is understood that a great deal of this business which has been awaiting the readjustment will begin to move immediately upon the new rates being put into operation.

The committee passed a resolution which will be presented to the city council meeting today favoring the west side terminal and a representative body from the business interests of the east side will present the committee's opinion on the advisability of vacating the streets and beginning work on the terminal.

It is understood that this resolution will be presented with the idea that a union terminal should be the ultimate solution of the shipping situation, when all interests will benefit equally.

Committee Personnel Enumerated. The members of the committee of 15 which has been conferring with the rail officials and through whose efforts the adjustment has been brought about are: A. H. Averill, A. H. Averill Machinery company; Drake C. O'Reilly, Hawthorne Dock company; Dan Kerr, Columbia Contract company; S. L. Brown, Pacific Storage & Delivery company; S. B. Cobb, Staggard Box & Lumber company; W. M. Miller, Blake, McFall company; Mr. Ottenheimer, Jones Cash store; George Cherry, P. L. Cherry company; H. N. Burpee, representing waterfront properties, and W. H. Markell, W. H. Markell & Co.

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