

SPokane's Situation

W. A. Mears Cites Situation in Article in the January Freight.

SITUATION MAKES RATE

Coast Terminals Have the Advantage of the Water Transportation and Therefore Get Lower Tariff.

W. A. Mears, of Portland, secretary of the North Pacific Coast Jobbers & Manufacturers' Association, has contributed an article to the January number of Freight, one of the leading shippers' magazines of the country, in which he outlines the contention that the transcontinental railroads have been discriminating against Spokane in the matter of freight rates.

Mr. Mears reaches the conclusion that rates to Pacific Coast terminals must always be governed by water competition, and that if the railroads were compelled to advance their freight charges to a mileage basis, more ships and better service would absorb the bulk of the freight traffic.

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Cites a Result.

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Under a ruling by the commission, bureau or court, such as indicated, the railroads would be forced to raise their rate beyond the 145-mile point in proportionately the same amount as now applies to the points east of that point.

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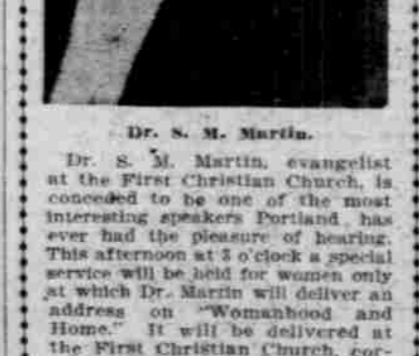
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From Norway, where the colonel has ranked second among the Salvation Army officers for the past four years, with the title of first secretary.

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