

TRAFFIC MEN HERE

Railway Officials Gather for Spokane Rate Hearing.

WILL CONVENE MONDAY

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty and State Commissions of Washington and Montana Are Coming.

Portland is today the Mecca for a swarm of prominent traffic officials of the Northwestern railroads. The session began last night when Great Northern private cars began arriving at the terminal grounds. Northern Pacific officials will pour in today, and will be followed by the railroad commissions of Washington and Montana, which will arrive Monday.

Commissioner C. A. Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was due to reach Portland last night on the U. R. & N., but his train was delayed and was bulletined to pull in early this morning.

The railroaders are coming to attend the hearing before Commissioner Prouty on the Spokane terminal rate case. This will be held in the Federal courtroom in the Postoffice building, and will open tomorrow morning. There is a mass of evidence to be taken in the case from the standpoint of Portland shippers and jobbers, and it is not known how long the hearing will continue.

The commission has already heard the grievances of the Spokane jobbers at a session held in that city during the winter. They undertook to show that Spokane should be given rates which would permit a large part of the territory of the Inland Empire now served from Portland to be supplied from Spokane warehouses.

Portland interests are confident they can disprove much that has already been introduced into the testimony and show the reality of water competition as operating in favor of Portland to reduce the transcontinental rates and against Spokane and other interior cities.

Ben Campbell, traffic manager of the Great Northern; W. W. Broughton, freight traffic manager; A. L. Craig, passenger traffic manager; H. M. Adams, assistant traffic manager, and L. G. Gilman, counsel for the Hill lines, were in the party arriving last night.

J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific, and Henry Blakeley, general Western freight agent, are due here this morning, also in private cars. All these officials are interested in the outcome of the Spokane case, and are fighting the Spokane contention together with the O. R. & N. If Spokane wins, Seattle and Tacoma will be struck a blow in the loss of more or less jobbing trade. Portland will probably suffer most in such a contingency.

Railroad commissions of Montana and Washington are interested, the latter directly and the former to a large extent because the Spokane case will probably be cited as a precedent in similar controversies should other interior cities have similar aspirations to become jobbing centers.

MOURN COMRADE'S DEATH

Members of Sumner Post Pass Resolutions in Honor of J. W. Brock.

At the regular meeting of Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R., last night, Comrades J. A. Newell, F. H. Neale and F. Pierce, committee appointed to frame suitable expression on the death of the late J. W. Brock, a comrade, submitted the following, which was adopted:

"As members of Sumner Post, No. 12, Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, we would offer our tribute of respect to the memory of our late comrade, John W. Brock, who served as Sergeant in Company T, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Ohio Infantry, during the Civil War.

"We honor his memory as one who, not only during the trying days of the war served his country and his flag bravely, intelligently and faithfully, but who in the long years since its close added the service of intelligent, honest citizenship and the example and influence of a charitable, pure and upright life to his record.

"While we do most sincerely and deeply mourn his departure from this life, his membership in this post will be to us a pleasant memory, for he was always a willing helper, a genial friend and a kind and considerate comrade.

"Let this memorial become a part of the records of the post, and a copy thereof be furnished the family of our deceased comrade."

CHIEF NO-SHIRT'S CUNNING

Gives Liquor Flask to Companion, Who Carries It on Reservation.

Associated with the case of Jim Luke, an Indian, who was yesterday fined \$25 and sentenced to 90 days in jail by United States Circuit Judge William S. Gilbert for taking liquor onto the Umatilla Indian Reservation, there is an interesting story of the native cunning of the redskin, Luke, in company with Chief No-Shirt, of the Umatillas, had visited a town near the reservation, but outside its bounds. There they managed to buy a bottle of liquor, the chief, however, retaining possession of the flask and helping himself to the greater part of its contents, until they were about to enter the reservation, when he handed the bottle to his less shrewd companion, who willingly pocketed the fire-water, only to be detected subsequently with the liquor in his possession. When arraigned in court yesterday, Luke promptly pleaded guilty and received his sentence.

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Gives History of W. O. W.

A feature of the April issue of the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin is a brief history of the Woodmen of the World, which tells of the wonderful growth of this order and of the reason for it. Other instructive features are: "Portland at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition," "Ogilian County as it is," "Tillamook County," and "The Work of the Chamber."

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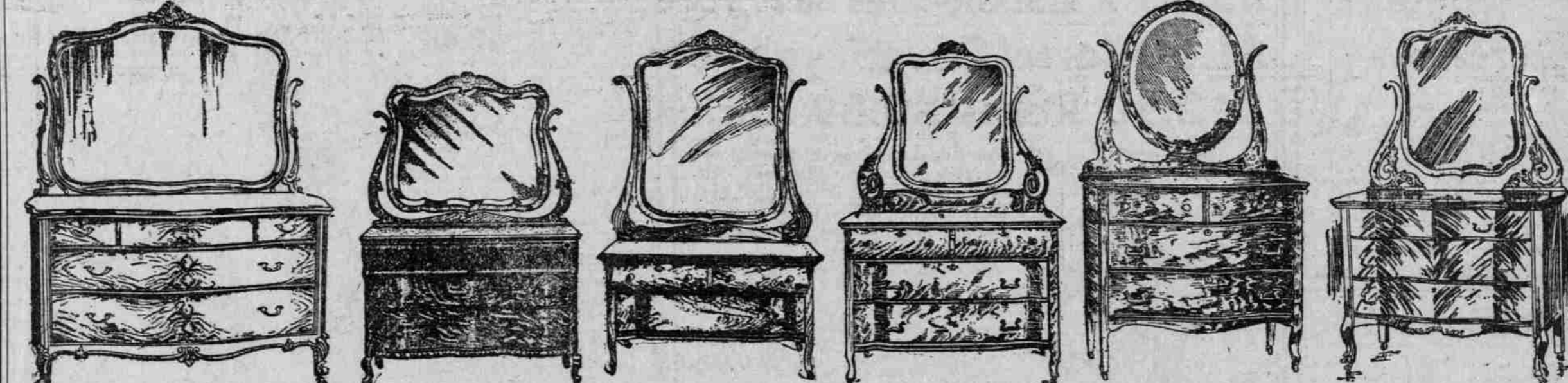


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