

STUDENTS OF RATES URGE CITY TO ACT

Decision Indorsed Far as Astoria Concerned, but Portland's Claim Is Sounded.

SIGNIFICANT HINT OMINOUS

Shippers and Business Men See Big Loss in Trade Unless Portland Obtains Rate to Which It Is Entitled by Its Position.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's decision in the Astoria rate case is to mean anything to Portland—if it is to derive any benefit from it—indeed, if Portland is not to suffer from it—an earnest appeal must be made to the Commission for rates to be placed on Astoria and the Puget Sound rates.

This is the firm conviction of many prominent Portland business men and shippers who have studied the rate situation and who are interested in the further development of Portland as a seaport and as a commercial center.

Following are some of the expressions by leading Portland business men on this subject: C. C. Colt, president Chamber of Commerce—I think the decision in the Astoria rate case is a victory for Astoria. It is to be seen that generally effect it will have; in that respect there seems to be a difference of opinion.

Endless Chain Foreseen. M. H. Houser, member of the grain bureau of the Chamber of Commerce—A lot of people have been bamboozled into thinking that the rate reduction would bring a proportionate reduction to Portland. But I have not been bamboozled. A close study of the ruling reveals a hint that Portland need not expect a rate reduction.

RATE INTERVENOR FILED Oregon Seeks Railway Parity With South on Round Trips. Salem, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Oregon Public Service Commission today intervened in the railroad rate case now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission to the end that Pacific Northwest cities may be placed on a parity with the South in round-trip rates to San Francisco from Chicago.

Portland's Claim Cited. O. M. Clark, Trade and Commerce Bureau, Chamber of Commerce—I do not think the decision will do Portland any harm. I have always been in favor of and have fought for a rate reduction to the same rates as to Puget Sound. A few years ago in talking to a number of Astoria business men, I said so.

Low Rate Expected. H. W. Mitchell, traffic and transportation bureau, Chamber of Commerce—I think the decision is what it ought to be. I don't think it will make a great deal of difference to Portland, because I think we will get a lower rate here, if Portland is undoubtedly entitled. It is worth any amount to haul freight 100 miles from this city to Astoria. I see no reason why we should not get a lower rate here.

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years, and that relationship is the established basis of rates on the four transcontinental roads that now serve Seattle and Tacoma. Under this rate policy Seattle and Tacoma have become the great terminals in the state of Washington and Portland the great terminal in the state of Oregon.

Burden on Astoria Held Unlawful. Large investments in terminal facilities have been made by the different carriers reaching these three points and substantial expenditures of public funds have been made in improving the water front and harbor and the result might readily be handled.

Does Prohibition Prohibit? Ponders Court Clerk. Innocent Bystander Is Put to Flight in Case of Constabulars Compiled by Ben Lerner. BEN LERNER, clerk in the Circuit Court for Judge Gantenbein, has an inquisitive mind.

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PORTLAND NOW TO SEEK LOWER RATE

Astoria Decision to Be Basis for Suit to Recognize Geographical Position.

CHAMBER MAY ACT NOW

Although Findings of Commission Offer No Encouragement to New Litigation, All Are Determined to Demand Just Ruling.

Now that Astoria has won her fight for terminal rates on a parity with Puget Sound, it is the purpose of all who are interested in the future development of Portland to proceed promptly with an application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a lower rate.

In other words, Portland intends to demand official recognition from the Commission of her natural position at the foot of a water grade and at a position 100 miles nearer the interior than Astoria.

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good grace, to proceed without prejudice to ask for her natural rights.

Next Step Foreseen. The decision shows, too, that the commission took official cognizance of the fact that Portland did not participate in the Astoria case and reveals that the commission senses what Portland's next and most natural step will be.

Early Action Indorsed. J. N. Threlkeld, attorney for the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who at various times has counseled Portland not to enter into the Astoria controversy on the ground that this would not prejudice her interests, in the event this city wanted to ask for a lower rate, yesterday indorsed the proposal that any rate reduction in the rates to and from this city.

Discrimination of Value. "Therefore, there would seem to be but one plan to pursue, and that is to use every effort to remove all discriminations to the end that every community and every individual should enjoy what the law contemplates he will have—the benefits that flow from location and natural advantage."

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Jewish Fund Is \$14,175 DONATIONS ARE EXPECTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS YET. More Than \$12,000 Already Is Forwarded to Headquarters of Work in New York. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Annie McLean Fowler, said to have been the first woman bank president in the United States, died here today.

Milwaukee May Build ASTORIA RATE DECISION MAY LEAD TO INVASION OF PORTLAND. With Contemplated Fight for Lower Rates Extension of Railway Regarded as Probability. Extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway from a point in Eastern Washington to Portland may be one of the early results of the Astoria rate decision.

Simplex DeLuxe New Machines Used at Columbia Theater received the unanimous approval of the United States Government War Department and the grand prize at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

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