

# SHIPPERS SAID LINES VIEW RATE ALIKE

## Protests Over Spokane Stand to Be Made by Railroads and Terminal Cities.

### SEPARATE RATE WANTED

#### Position Is to Be Taken at Hearing Before Commission Next Month That Charges to Interior Should Be Changed.

Shippers in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma and the transcontinental railroads probably will stand together when the Spokane rate case is opened for rehearing late this month.

While the railroads and the shippers will act independently in the proceedings, it is apparent that they will contend for the same point.

That is that the rates to interior cities shall not be intertwined in any way with the terminal rates.

In other words, they want the Commission to establish reasonable rates to the terminals—the reasonableness to be governed by water competition—and then to establish separate rates to the interior cities.

**Lower Rates Possible.** The interior rates, according to this theory, can be based on the cost of the transcontinental haul itself, or on the terminal rate, plus the local rate back. If the terminal rate plus the back-haul rate is lower than the interior rate, of course, would be entitled to that rate.

If the straight transcontinental rate is lower they would be allowed in either case they would be allowed the lower rate.

Spokane, it is expected, will maintain its well-established position, the rates to the interior cities shall be no higher than the terminal rates.

Inasmuch as the Interstate Commerce Commission has decided to reopen the case, the shippers as well as the railroads are of the belief that the whole transcontinental rate situation is to be reconsidered, and that possibly the Commission will establish a new policy in rate making.

**Rates Now Unsatisfactory.** The present transcontinental rate fabric is wholly unsatisfactory to shippers in Portland and the other Coast terminals. The interior rates are based fundamentally on the terminal rates.

If the terminal rate is reduced, the interior rate, by force of this rule, must be reduced with it.

An arbitrary ratio of differentials has been established by the Commission to govern, in a measure, the rate relations between the Coast and the interior.

The rate from Missouri River territory, for instance, cannot be more than 7 per cent higher than the interior rate; from Chicago territory, 15 per cent; and from Buffalo-Pittsburg territory, 25 per cent.

The Coast preferential is based on water competition. The Commission established the policy that the interior rates are reasonable, but that water competition forces the carriers to charge "less than reasonable" rates to the Coast.

**Separate Rates Wanted.** But the Coast shippers contend that this plan is like putting the proverbial cart before the horse; that if the terminal rate is less than reasonable any rate based on that rate might be less than reasonable as well, or, possibly, more than reasonable.

So, in the new hearing the Coast cities will insist that their rates shall "stand on their own bottom."

Pending the result of this hearing it is improbable that the carriers will protest the proposed advance on certain commodity rates proposed by the carriers, effective January 1.

These advances are in response to an order of the Commission for removal of the differential in favor of the Coast. This order, entered into the suit of Spokane's protest, that the water competition, which formerly justified the differential, had been removed.

Code May Be Cited. It is possible, however, that the Coast shippers to bring a protest against the proposed advance on the ground that the Interstate Commerce code provides specifically for the case once reduced to meet water competition, shall not again be advanced, excepting for causes other than the elimination of water competition.

Now the Spokane protest was brought precisely on the ground that water competition had been eliminated until the new case is disposed of it is not probable that the Coast cities will take advantage of this situation.

### UPLIFT WORK IS DOUBTED

#### Favor of President Wilson at Reed College Symposiums Regretted.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(To the Editor.)—I notice with some satisfaction that the Presidential campaign has drawn the attention of Reed College to present-day affairs.

Having heard a number of Reed College symposiums, I presume that social uplift is the keynote of this fervor. The social welfare measure of the Democratic Administration—I almost said campaign—was doubtless quite near the Utopia of Reed College idealists. Has not our President shown his love for the poor working and voting classes?

Now that the Adamson law increases the pay of trainmen, let the social uplifters pray for legislation which will help the poor section hands. They get 18¢ cents per hour, and one of them said: "I work damn hard." But unless he unionizes, and threatens the country with a strike, how hard will he have to work before Congress grants him an increase in wages? When Mr. Wilson said: "The class formed by labor organizations and leaders is a formidable enemy to equality," he merely paralleled Dr. Morgan's story of the big dog, little dog, and the bone.

The present union strike against trainmen get a salary increase, while section hands do not.

Now that the Adamson law is passed, the social uplifters will not worry about the poor trainmen, for most of them may get extended credit from the grocer and butcher. The only railroad wage slaves which remain for Mr. Wilson to emancipate are the section hands, switchmen, Congress grants train dispatchers, trackmen, office employees, workers in railway shops, and other employees of railway carriers. No doubt they will be emancipated if they threaten to tie up the country just before election. But how unfortunate that these poor souls were not also on strike when Congress passed the Adamson act! For some railroad men have considered that it a great blessing

to labor. After election is safely over, we shall try it out, and then we shall see.

But I am right in surmising that Wilson is popular with the social uplifters because he has (lately) shown such a magnanimous attitude toward labor, or is it for the reason given by the faculty children that "he kept us out of war?"

Comparatively speaking, he has done this. By forgiving and forgetting, allowing Germany to sink the Lusitania, and from time to time whatever ships they see fit to sink; allowing England to rifle our mails, we have adroitly kept ourselves out of war. Down in Mexico, so they say, we had more Americans killed than during the Spanish-American war, but even then, we have bravely avoided war, and emulated the great Lincoln in his policy of "charity for all, with malice toward none."

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But all of this need not bother a Democrat who has faith or Democratic offices, of which thousands have been created during this Administration. International treaties, after all, are only "things." National honor is only a "thing." Platform pledges for free

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### TWO DRIVERS ARE FINED

#### Intoxicated Motorists Offend and Each Is Assessed \$25.

Three charges of driving automobiles while intoxicated were on the Municipal Court docket yesterday morning. Two were disposed of by convictions and fines, while the third will be heard Monday.

A collision with a streetcar caused the arrest of D. Morimoto, a Japanese driver. A charge of driving while intoxicated was placed against him. Morimoto, plead guilty yesterday, rather than have the case prolonged by the absence of his attorney. He was fined \$25.

Perry Graves, defendant for a similar offense, pleaded not guilty. The testimony of the arresting officers was that he was slightly under the influence of liquor. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

The case of David Posey, a jitney driver, charged with driving while intoxicated, was postponed.

### Gas Main Being Laid to Gresham.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—A crew of men under the employ of the Portland Gas & Coke Company is busy digging trench for gaspipe to connect with the main laid here this Summer when the streets were hard-surfaced.

In a few weeks gas will be available for light and cooking. The line is being laid along the north side of the Base Line road from Ventura Park.

### CHILDREN NEAR RIDGEFIELD ATTEND SCHOOL, CARRIED IN NEW STYLED AUTO, "KIDMOBILE"



FULLY 60 YOUNG FOLK CAN BE TAKEN IN BIG CAR.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—To handle advantageously the increasing number of school children from rural communities outside of Ridgefield, it was found necessary to employ a bigger conveyance, with the result that now a large three-ton automobile truck is being used by the local livery men who have the contract to carry the school children to and from the school. The school children have named it the "Kidmobile," and almost any morning and evening it can be seen, "loaded to the guards," bringing the children to school or taking them homeward over hill and dale. As high as 60 have been transported in one load. Children from the communities north and east of Ridgefield, in School District No. 30, attend the local schools. Ernest H. Olsen is master pilot of the "kidmobile" and takes great delight in this particular work.

### \$85,275 ON HAND NOV. 1ST

#### TOTAL OF \$917,286 PAID INTO COUNTY FUND IN 10 MONTHS.

Disbursements During Same Period Are Reported to Have Amounted to \$1,005,515 in All.

In the first 10 months of 1916, there was paid into the county general fund a total of \$917,286.75, which, with the balance of \$173,506.58 on hand January 1, made a grand total of \$1,090,793.33.

Disbursements during the same period totalled \$1,005,515.14, which left \$85,275.49 on hand November 1. There were outstanding warrants, however, of \$899.22, which reduced the net cash available on November 1 to \$76,376.27.

These are figures compiled in the office of County Auditor Martin yesterday. The road fund of the county had a balance on hand January 1 of only \$13.56. Receipts raised this in 10 months to \$611,368.48, or would have \$624,967.83 if there had not been disbursements in the same time to the total of \$475,496.23, making a balance of \$149,471.65. Outstanding warrants November 1 reduced this to \$49,425.85 now available.

Chief receipts in the general fund

### WERE THE 1915 TAXES, WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$695,292.88, AND DELINQUENT TAXES OF \$75,267.87. COUNTY CLERK'S FEES TOTALLED \$71,487. DISTRICT COURT FEES, \$15,070.85, AND SHERIFF'S FEES, \$11,950.09. THE TREASURER'S INTEREST ON DEPOSITS WAS \$24,421.29, AND THE RENTAL OF THE STEEL BRIDGE IN \$12,373.19 MORE. TAX RECEIPTS ALTOGETHER WERE \$774,737.35, AND RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES AMOUNTED TO \$142,549.40.

The road fund received \$548,505.56 as its share of the 1915 taxes and \$18,825.90 from delinquent taxes. From automobile licenses, it received \$36,619.11; from Circuit and District Court fines, \$2829, and from sale of rock, etc., \$4375.05, a grand total of \$611,354.92.

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### OPEN SAFE IS ROBBED

#### Burglars Smash Cash Drawer of Iron & Steel Works.

Burglars who entered the office of the Columbia Iron & Steel Works, 462 East Market street, at an early hour yesterday, found the safe invitingly open, but empty. With a hammer they smashed the cash drawer, and stole \$4 in silver. Entrance had been gained through a rear window.

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### WOMAN ARRESTED IN RAID

#### Liquor Seized as Evidence in Investigation at Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Achuff, proprietress of the Gem rooming-house, was arrested at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning by Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Low, assisted by Chief of Police R. T. Baldwin and Patrolman George Snyder, charged with conducting a nuisance.

For some time the Sheriff's office has suspected that Mrs. Achuff was conducting a disorderly house and selling liquor. A search of the rooms revealed a small keg partly full of whisky in

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