

SUMPTER VALLEY RATE CASE HEARD

Traffic Manager Robinson Calls Petition Assault Upon Revenues of Road.

TIMBER VALUES WILL RISE

Special Assistant Attorney-General Wants to Know What Difference Exists From Practice on Other Connecting Lines.

Some spirit was injected yesterday into the Interstate Commission hearing on the petition for joint rates from points on the Sumpter Valley Railway, connections with the O. W. R. & N. Co. that line and connecting Union Pacific properties being defendants. Traffic Manager Robinson, of the O. W. R. & N. Co., characterized the petition as an assault upon the revenues of the road in an attempt to enhance the value of Government timber.

It was brought out by testimony of witnesses that contracts entered into by the Government with lumbermen on the Sumpter Valley road for timber in the forest reserves only an increased price for stumpage in the event of lowered rail rates on lumber.

"We are not interested and are unwilling to join in joint through rates from points on the Sumpter Valley line to points East on the basis of the Barker rates," said Mr. Robinson.

Government is Denounced.

"The position of the Government trying to depress the rates of the O. W. R. & N. Co. to a point below what is reasonable is unjust and we regard the action as unwarranted. Manifestly, the Government is seeking to enhance the value of its timber. It is little less than an assault upon the revenues from which the Government, by increased stumpage prices, would profit." Upon cross-examination, Robinson testified, Special Assistant Attorney-General of Washington, D. C., who presented the Government's side of the case, referred to this statement somewhat caustically. He mentioned numerous short railway lines, connecting with the O. W. R. & N. Co., upon which joint through rates have been granted. Among them was the Hood River Railway, like the Sumpter Valley line, an Eccles property.

U. S. Attorney Questions Closely.

"Is there any difference in the assault upon railway earnings between the Sumpter Valley road and the other Eccles property, with whom you voluntarily divide your revenues?" he asked. "In that respect, the element of in asking that you add one more line to the many connecting roads with whom you already share revenues on a joint through rate basis."

Traffic Manager Robinson spoke feelingly of war conditions that interfere with railroads earning fair profits and other handicaps that beset the traffic heads.

"But to get back again to the original question, queried Attorney Esterline, is there any difference in the assault, as you term it?"

Lumbermen Are Intervenor.

Intervenor in the case heard yesterday were lumbermen who cut pine lumber on the line of the Sumpter Valley Railway and who do not want through rates because unless it shall provide for milling in transit, they testified that their product cannot be finished and kiln dried satisfactorily in the mountains where the mills are located, but the green lumber is sent down to Baker for this purpose and then shipped to market.

D. C. Eccles, of Ogden, Utah, president of the Sumpter Valley Railway and also head of the Oregon Lumber Company, testified along this line, as did Charles T. Early, manager of the Oregon Lumber Company, and Frank Gardiner.

Price of Stumpage Would Go Up.

These witnesses said if the petition of the Government were granted it would operate to raise the price of stumpage of Government timber, although they conceded it would have a like effect on privately owned timber as well. It was stated by Mr. Early that the millmen will not use the through rate if it shall be established, and that a milling in transit rate is the only one that will prove helpful. The petition asks that the local rate of 7 cents for green and 17 cents for finished lumber per 100 pounds be absorbed by the connecting Union Pacific line. Because the Sumpter Valley is a narrow-gauge line, direct through business is now impracticable, it was shown.

The hearing ended yesterday and briefs may be filed not later than November 15.

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P. J. SUMMERS IN TROUBLE

Stolen Revolver Bought and U. S. Label Filled Off.

Peter J. Summers, proprietor of a second-hand store at Twelfth and Gilliam streets, is sorry that he paid a soldier in uniform \$5 for an automatic pistol filled off from the United States Government stores. He was arrested yesterday, following a confession by the soldier, who was tried by court-martial and sentenced to a term in a Federal prison. Summers admitted having bought the pistol, valued at \$15, for \$5 cash and to having filled off the words, "Property of the United States," in a hearing before United States Commissioner Drake. He was held to the Federal grand jury on \$1000 bail, which he was unable to furnish. The penalty is up to \$500 fine or five years' imprisonment.

ORPHEUM BILL DUE

No Change Will Be Made in Order of Programme.

MANAGER TELLS OF PLANS

Frank J. McGettigan Says Films Will Be Accompanied by Concert, as Last Season—Promotion Is Made in Box-Office Staff.

When the Orpheum Theater opens next Sunday no change will be made in the general presentation of shows as followed last season, according to the announcement of Frank J. McGettigan, manager. The Orpheum Travel Weekly, featuring moving-picture views of foreign lands, will open every show as heretofore, and a 20-minute concert will be played by the Orpheum orchestra preceding every show.

The custom of programming every orchestra number on an act on the stage, as inaugurated by George E. Jeffery, musical director, last season, also will be followed this season. The special concert accompanying the Orpheum Travel Weekly will be featured as heretofore.

Milroy A. Anderson, assistant Orpheum treasurer, has been promoted to the post of treasurer, and his assistant in the ticket office will be Robert T. Earven, who formerly was chief usher and in charge of the checkroom. Cliff P. Work, superintendent, will be in charge at the door as usual.

The Orpheum show to open the season next Sunday matinee is lauded in general, as it traverses the circuit, as deserving to be listed in the extraordinary class. New acts and new faces predominate in the first programme. The headliners are George Marck's "Jungle Players" in a wordless melodrama called "The Wild Guardians." The three other big-type acts of the four-act show are Charlie Howard, the son of Mrs. M. B. Johns, of 1120 East Thirty-fourth street. He was born in Oregon City, and received his education from the schools of that town. Coming to Portland six years ago, he has been employed as a shipping clerk with the firm of Clowett & Devera. Young Johns is widely known and very popular among the younger folk of the city.

Remainder acts are Mang and Snyder, 20th century wonders; Harry Norwood and Alpha Hall in "The Night Boat"; and Colonel Diamond and granddaughter in "Youth and Old Age."

Commencing with today the Orpheum boxoffice will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night.

Divorce Papers Costly in England.

In filing a deposition in a divorce proceeding that was received yesterday from Richard Westcott, American Vice-Consul at London, Deputy County Clerk Wells found direct evidence of the extent to which war tax is being collected on legal papers in England. Canceled war revenue stamps aggregating \$17 were found on the document. Although started on its journey in a sealed package, the deposition had been taken out and inspected by censors when en route.

Uncle Sam Will Spend \$250,000,000 for Good Roads this Year.

The list of energetic young Oregonians who have enlisted in the Aviation Corps of the United States Army was recently lengthened by the addition of the name of Elmore A. Johns, of Portland, who has been assigned to Squadron 48 of the Aviation Corps, stationed at San Antonio, Tex.

The young birdman enlisted on August 1. He is 21 years of age, the son of Mrs. M. B. Johns, of 1120 East Thirty-fourth street. He was born in Oregon City, and received his education from the schools of that town. Coming to Portland six years ago, he has been employed as a shipping clerk with the firm of Clowett & Devera. Young Johns is widely known and very popular among the younger folk of the city.

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PROHIBITION CASE PENDING

Decision in Suit Involving Holding of Baggage Not Rendered.

Municipal Judge Rossman yesterday announced that he would reserve decision in the case against William Groh, baggage agent for the Northern Pacific Terminal Company, until Monday.

Mr. Groh is accused of a technical violation of the prohibition law because he refused to hold a couple of trunks until Patrolman Vessey could obtain a warrant to search them for liquor. The case is considered of much importance because of its effect in the campaign against illegal traffic in liquor.

Tacoma Man to Speak Here.

I. D. Boyer, inspector of customs at Tacoma, Wash., will speak at the weekly luncheon of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce, to be held Monday noon. Mr. Boyer's topic will be "Portland's Opportunity to Enter the Trans-Pacific Trade." The speaker will tell how Portland imports are cleared at Seattle and Tacoma.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF Y. W. C. A.

Miss Ruth M. Blair, of Los Angeles, will arrive in this city Wednesday morning. She will take up her work as superintendent of the Y. W. C. A. immediately. Miss Blair will have charge of the domestic science department. She will introduce the study of dietetics and war problems into her work. Miss Blair is an Eastern college graduate and comes to Portland highly recommended.



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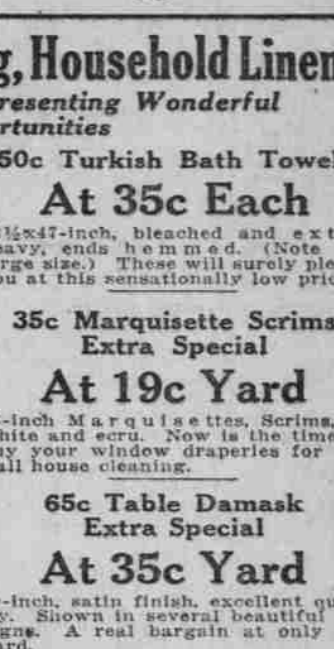
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