

PORTLAND RATE CASE HEARING HELD VITAL

Three Members of Commission to Take Evidence.

ARGUMENT OPENS MONDAY

All Columbia Basin Concerned in Matter, Which Embraces Charges to Tidewater.

What is generally conceded to be the most important traffic question ever raised in the west will be placed fully and completely before the interstate commerce commission when hearings on the Columbia basin rate case are started at room 203 courthouse tomorrow morning.

Two fundamental issues are involved in the proceedings. One is the alleged discrimination favoring Puget sound points as against Portland in shipments from the inland empire country, and the other is whether or not the railroads shall be compelled to take into consideration the water-grade haul in determining transportation charges from the inland empire to Pacific coast points.

Although six separate complaints, all bearing on the same issues, have been filed with the commission, the questions involved are so closely related to each other that it is expected that testimony used in one case will be considered and become a part of the record in all other cases.

Portland Much Concerned.

Those seeking relief are the inland empire shippers' league, the Port of Portland commission, the Portland dock commission, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Puget Sound Association and Transportation Association and the Oregon public service commission. The state commission was the last to file its complaint with the national commission, it having been forwarded to Washington but three weeks ago. Many other parties are entering the case as intervenors.

Testimony in the hearing of the inland empire shippers' league will be taken at the outset of the hearing Monday morning. It is not known in what order the other complainants will be heard.

The inland empire shippers' league is seeking only to establish more equitable rates on grain shipments from the inland empire section to Portland, while the other complainants are demanding that the rates on all commodities be changed in accordance with arguments which will be advanced before the commission.

Under the present traffic conditions rates between the inland empire section are the same to Portland as to Seattle and other Puget sound points, despite the fact that in many instances the distance to Portland is much less than to Puget sound.

Grade Cited as Cause.

In addition to the actual difference in mileage, the shippers also contend that by reason of the water grade haul to Portland, as against the heavy grade from the inland empire to Puget sound, the rates to Portland should be lower. Traffic experts will endeavor to prove to the interstate commerce commission that the operating costs between the inland empire and Portland are much less than to Puget sound. For this reason they will make every effort to induce the national commission to establish a cost basis in determining transportation costs between these points.

A side issue in the case, which will result in having Aerial shipping interests line up against Portland, is the demand of the Portland complainants that this city be given a differential under Astoria. Rates to these two points from the inland empire are now identical, although Portland is 100 miles nearer the seaport town. The town of Warrenton also has intervened and is asking for the same terminal rate as is now given to Astoria.

Sound Is Interested.

Puget sound shipping and business interests will make a determined fight against the demands of the Portland shippers, and some of the best legal minds and foremost traffic experts will attend the hearing to espouse the cause of Seattle and her sister cities along the sound.

It is expected that the hearing in Portland will continue throughout the week, as scores of railroad and traffic men from all parts of the country will be here to offer their testimony. Hearings will be held in Seattle later.

The hearing will be conducted by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Hall, Daniels and Eastman, this being the first time in the history of that body that three of their number have come to the Pacific coast to sit at a rate hearing. This means, assert Portland shippers, that the interstate commerce commission concedes this to be one of the most important rate matters which has ever arisen in the west.

PUREBRED JERSEYS SOLD

Hood River Farmers Buying Cows Brought From Independence.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—The interest that orchardists and ranchers are taking in the herd of purebred Jerseys brought here from Independence the first of the week by H. V. Wright, head of the agricultural department of the Hood River high school, and Dr. Marcus Thrane, an East Side orchardist, is widely and rightly thought to be the most important rate matter which has ever arisen in the west.

Ten of the cows have already been sold. A significant feature has been the demand for the high-priced, best animals first. The sale is being fostered by the Hood River creamery and local banking institutions.

DEATH DUE TO EXPLOSION

Killing of Oregon Man in Winnipeg Declared Accidental.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 19.—(Special.)—A C. Murray came to his death from the explosion of an asphalt tank under his own supervision, said tank being the property of the Bithulic & Construction company. We find that it was purely an accident, but we recommend that the tank be not used until it has been fully inspected by government inspector and safety valve put on.

Such was the finding of the jury on inquest into the death of the late of A. C. Murray, well known in Portland, who was killed when a tank containing asphalt blew up. Murray was superintendent of the plant. The body has been sent to Springfield, Or., where the funeral will take place.

Hood Packing Plants Rise.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—New packing plants and warehouses now under construction by valley orchardists will reach past \$25,000. Dozens of growers are equipping their packing sheds with power grading and

sizing machines. On the east side alone the following growers are engaged in building new packing houses: J. E. Shelton, A. W. Peters, Dickerson & Peck, Henry Sieverkropp, George L. Smith, E. K. Rowley, P. B. Laraway, E. L. McClain Jr., F. W. Radford and Wilson Pike.

\$7500 DAMAGES ARE ASKED

Driver of Auto That Killed Child at Astoria, Defendant.

ASTORIA, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Seeking to recover \$7500 damages for the death of his 3-year-old daughter, Antoinette Stanovich, a suit was filed in the circuit court this morning by

PORTLAND CONFECTIONER, FORMER ALASKAN TRADER, PASSES AWAY.



John Smith York.

John Smith York, who passed away in this city on last Tuesday, was with the first party which left Portland in 1898 for Nome, Alaska. He returned to Portland in 1901, but immediately left for Dawson, Alaska, where he became manager for the North American Trading & Transportation company, which position he held for five years.

Mr. York had for the past few years been engaged in the highest esteem by the prospectors and miners in Alaska, to the extent that they frequently intrusted him with their pockets containing thousands of dollars' worth of gold dust.

Mr. York had for the past few years been engaged in the confectionary business in Portland. He was 49 years of age and was born in Tennessee. His widow, Mary W. Gaston York, and a nephew, Lee Crain, survive him.

Matt Stanovich, against Gust Biland. The little girl was fatally injured by automobile near the corner of Franklin avenue and Thirty-fourth street, July 1. The complaint avers that Biland was driving his machine in careless manner and at rate of over 20 miles an hour. It also says Biland, instead of keeping on the right side of the street turned left to the left of the center of the thoroughfare and ran over the child there. A coroner's jury summoned immediately after the accident exonerated Biland of all blame.

LARGER AUDITORIUM NEED

Hood River Chautauqua Last Week Closes With Surplus Fund.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Plans are under way for an enlargement of the open-air auditorium, built beneath a canopy of huge maples near a large spring. It now seats 1200 people, but hundreds were turned away last week. The Chautauqua just closed was the most successful ever held here, and for the first time a surplus was left after all expenses were paid. This surplus of \$125 will form a nucleus for the enlargement of the open-air theater.

Pasco Folk Enjoy Flying.

PASCO, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Floyd Kelso brought his aeroplane over from Kennewick and made several flights, taking up several Pasco people, who report that they enjoyed the experience very much.

Kelso Bootlegger Fined.

KELSO, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—Lester Deaver was arrested on the Cowlitz river by Deputy Sheriff John Taylor on a charge of bootlegging. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$30 and costs.

BANK CASHIER NAMED GENERAL MANAGER WOOL WAREHOUSE COMPANY.



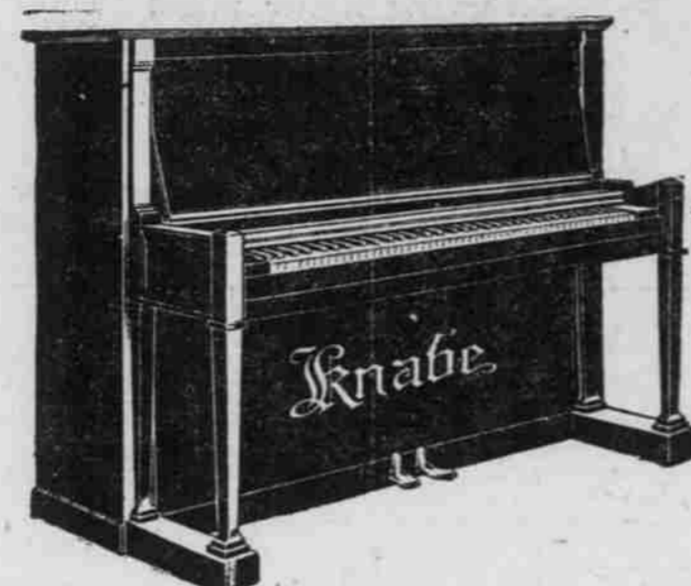
T. J. Mahoney.

T. J. Mahoney, cashier of the Livestock State bank of North Portland, has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company. Mr. Mahoney will assume his new duties about September 1 and will sever his connection with the Portland Cattle Loan company, of which he is now vice-president, and will resign his active management of the Livestock State bank, having been elected to the vice-presidency of that institution.

Mr. Mahoney is widely and favorably known among the stock growers, farmers and bankers of the Columbia basin. He came from North Dakota to central Oregon 18 years ago and, after serving as cashier for the Bank of Ione, he was elected cashier of the First National bank of Heppner, where he remained for 14 years. His work won recognition which caused his election as treasurer of the Portland Cattle Loan company and cashier of the Livestock State bank, which institution he helped to organize, with W. P. Disley and associates, two years ago.

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NEW BABY HOME PLANNED

STATE-WIDE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ORGANIZED FRIDAY.

Governor Olcott Indorses Movement to Raise \$60,000 for Work by Albertina Kerr Nursery.

A state-wide campaign to raise funds for the erection of a fireproof modern nursery home for abandoned and helpless babies was announced yesterday by Mrs. K. E. Bondurant, president of the Albertina Kerr nursery. The new nursery to replace that now in use, which is admitted as inadequate by all familiar with it, will be built as soon as the money is available. The campaign will be held in September. Mrs. Ben W. Olcott is honorary president and Governor Olcott has given his indorsement and is greatly interested in the need for the new nursery. The commission, at the request of Mrs. Bondurant, will look into the merits and accomplishments of the nursery, said he gave his unqualified indorsement and would urge the people to support the movement.

Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, said that inasmuch as the nursery will care for babies from every part of Oregon it is right that all the state support the campaign and live up to the slogan, which will be "Be a Brick; Buy a Brick." The sum set as the goal is \$60,000. To inaugurate the campaign a luncheon will be held next Friday at noon at the Multnomah hotel, when the board members and a score of other volunteer workers will appoint the committees to organize the general campaign in September.

Mr. Frederick Schilke, chairman of the child welfare committee and representative of the children's bureau of the department of labor, gave his indorsement: "I will do anything I can for this movement. I have the greatest esteem for and confidence in the people connected with this particular nursery."

Among those who have offered to help in the campaign are Mark Woodruff, Milton Klepper, Eugene Brookings, Mrs. W. P. Strandborg and others equally well known. W. D. Wheelwright is treasurer of the nursery fund and Edith Knight Holmes-Hill is director.

ZONING TO BE DISCUSSED

City Planning Commission Asks Property Owners to Appear.

Zoning of property will be discussed at a property owners' meeting called by the city planning commission, to be held Wednesday night at the Episcopal church, East Forty-third and East Broadway streets. The commission, at this meeting, will lay its plan for the zoning of the district between East Twenty-eighth and East Forty-eighth street and Halsey to Fremont streets. All persons owning property in this district are urged to attend and take part in the discussions.

WILLIAMS EDITS WEEKLY

Ex-Portland Newspaper Man Puts Out Large City Publication.

Copies of the first issue of the Dallas Saturday Night, edited by Clark H. Williams, formerly a Portland newspaperman, have been received here. It is a much larger publication than the usual city weekly, is profusely illustrated and covers particularly the field of society, the theater and local news and gossip. An attractive rotogravure sec-

Hands All Around Unite in Rejoicing.

Three Months and 27 Days From Egg to Egg Is Pullets' Record.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—When it comes to laying eggs you have to hand it to the Hands—or at least to the White Leghorn pullets which the Hands own. And now the Hands are handing it to one another. A few days ago Bert Hands announced that his pullets had made a world's record by producing their first eggs on the day they were four months of age. Now comes Roy Hands, brother of Bert Hands, who is in partnership with his father, William Hands, and reports pullets of the same strain which laid three days before they would have been four months of age. "Three months and 27 days from egg to egg," is the way Roy expresses it.

Probate of Estate Asked.

Miss Eda Jacobs petitioned the circuit court for letters of administration yesterday in the estate of her sister, Rose Selling, who died June 8, leaving an estate of \$22,000, \$9000 of which is personal property and the remainder in real estate. The only relatives noted are the petitioner and another sister, Mrs. Dorena Kohn.

Seven Bottles of Opium Found.

Lee Chong, a Chinese, was arrested yesterday at 60 Second street by federal authorities and is in the county jail charged with having opium in his possession. The arresting officers say they found seven bottles of opium in his possession.

Cable Censorship to Be Withdrawn.

It was announced yesterday by the Western Union Telegraph company that the British cable censorship will be withdrawn at midnight, July 23. This will affect British territory only.

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