

Basin Rates Just, Holds Commission

Public Service Body Backs Interstate Decision.

REHEARING IS OPPOSED

Good Faith of Washington State Interests Rapped in Seeking Readjustment of Tariffs.

That the rates announced by the interstate commerce commission in the Columbia river basin case are equitable and just and that they will be so proved once they are given a fair trial by all concerned, is the conclusion of the Oregon public service commission, through L. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general, and J. O. Bailey, special counsel, in its reply to the application of Washington state interests, made public yesterday. This answer will be filed, together with the one sent in by other Oregon interests, the facts concerning which have been published.

There is no reason for a rehearing of the case, because the interstate commission went carefully into all details during the time it was before the members and all of its many phases were carefully considered, declares the reply of the Oregon commission, signed by Fred A. Williams, chairman; H. H. Corey and Fred G. Buchtel, commissioners.

"After the new rates have been put into effect and have been given a fair trial, the Puget sound interests may find that they are not injured as much as they now anticipate they will be," concludes the reply.

Basic Equality Not Wanted.

"Puget sound cities have many advantages which are not enjoyed by Columbia river ports, and we do not hear of them advocating that the Columbia river ports should be given rate concessions whereby they may compete on an equality with them, but we do find the Puget sound ports contending that whatever Columbia river ports have should be shared with them," is one little bit of the interests which are seeking to get a rehearing. Another is:

"Nothing has been suggested or arguments advanced in the petition for rehearing which were not fully argued before and considered by the commission, and there is no reason why a rehearing should be granted or why the case should be reopened for the purpose of introducing additional testimony."

The delay in filing the petition for rehearing is significant, and it becomes quite apparent from such delay, and from reading the different petitions for rehearing, that the main purpose sought by the Puget sound interests is to procure a few more years of grace in which to enjoy what was granted to them in the way of rates in the beginning of sort of subsidy in the building up of the Puget sound ports."

Reasons Are Detailed.

The Oregon commission's reply goes more fully into the three features of the contents of the Washington interests, although covering others. These include the allegation that the interstate commission should reopen the case in order to hear evidence as to the cost of operation under the electrification of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; cost of service in general as between Puget sound and Columbia river ports and the Astoria feature.

With regard to the Milwaukee electrification, the Oregon commission sets forth that no figures are given in the Puget sound application for rehearing to support its contention and it is shown that it would scarcely be business-like to grant such applications on the mere statement that such is the case. Anyway, it is pointed out, if it is possible to get cheaper rates over the electric road, the Milwaukee has not attempted to reduce its rates so that the public may benefit thereby.

Electrification Is Discussed.

The statement continues:

"The electrification of the Milwaukee road is an experiment, and all experiments are, to say the least, expensive. If the electrification of this line proves successful from an economic standpoint, then the other lines in the northwest will profit by the experience of the Milwaukee and will probably be able not only to effect economies in making the change, unknown at this time, but also to prove on the method of electrification. The pioneer must always endure sacrifices, that those who come after may enjoy the fruits of his labor."

"The fact remains, as we have pointed out, that electrification of railroads does not level the mountains, and the only saving which can be accomplished by electrification of mountain roads as compared to water grade routes is the elimination of certain factors from the cost of operation peculiar to mountain routes."

"The question of cost of service is given considerable detailed attention by the commission, concluding with the following:

"Rates, of course, cannot be based on the fact that some railroad is more up to date than some other line, and has put into effect the latest improvements and inventions in railroad operation. The public, which is the one most vitally concerned in rail-

road operation, would not tolerate the different railroads adhering to antiquated and out-of-date equipment or methods of operation."

Luna's Mildly Taken to Task.

In the Astoria case the commission declares that the decision is not inconsistent as is contended by petitioners for the rehearing, and a number of pages are devoted to a history of that feature to show its relationship to the other phases.

The reply mildly takes the railroads involved to task for not complying with the interstate commission's order that revised tariffs should be published within 90 days of the filing of the decision, and intimates that Puget sound interests do not anticipate favorable action on their case.

The interstate commission recently granted time extensions to the railroads on the tariff feature pending the rehearing.

BANK CASHIER KILLS SELF

HENRY LUNT, CLARKSTON, IS FOUND DEAD BY WIFE.

Business Affairs in Perfect Condition and Ill Health Is Believed Responsible.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 26.—(Special.)—Henry Lunt, assistant cashier of Clarkston State bank, died today from a self-inflicted bullet wound from a revolver. The body was found by Mrs. Lunt in a wooded area, where the Lunts reside, and it was at first thought that death was accidental. Examination showed that two bullets had been fired, the first not taking effect and the second penetrating the temple, causing instant death. Depression caused by ill-health believed to have been responsible for the shooting. Mr. Lunt was a vestryman and treasurer of the Episcopal church and active in church work.

The bank examiner yesterday completed an examination of the books of the State bank and pronounced everything in perfect condition. The personal affairs of Mr. Lunt also were entirely satisfactory.

Henry Lunt was born in 1878 and graduated from Dartmouth college in 1900. He entered the Indian service in 1901, coming to the Lewiston agency in 1912. Here he married Mary Elizabeth Metzler in 1916 and came to Clarkston the following year to enter the employ of the State bank.

Surviving relatives include a brother in Oakland, Cal., and his sister in Schenectady, N. Y. The funeral probably will take place Monday afternoon.

SCHOOL HEAD RE-ELECTED

Superintendent Carlton of Eugene Chosen for Another Year.

EUGENE, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—J. J. Carlton has been re-elected by the Eugene board of education as city superintendent of schools for another year. Mr. Carlton assumed his present position last fall, having come here from Salem, where he had served for a number of years as assistant state superintendent of public instruction.

The members of the board expressed much satisfaction over Superintendent Carlton's supervision of the schools since taking the position. He was elected at a time when the schools were in a turmoil on account of differences between the teachers and the former superintendent, but members of the board said everything now was harmonious.

EUGENE PASTOR IS DEAD

Rev. H. A. Green of Baptist Church Succumbs to Paralysis.

EUGENE, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Rev. H. A. Green, ex-pastor of the Eugene Baptist church, died at his home here early yesterday morning at the age of 81 years. He suffered a stroke of paralysis two years ago, from which he never recovered.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Neff of Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. L. H. Neff of Florence, and a son, Paul Green of Eugene. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Purebred Beef Cattle Sold.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The animal husbandry department of Oregon Agricultural college, in co-operation with the Coos county farm bureau, today sold 12 male and 6 female registered Short-horn and Hereford beef cattle, averaging \$188. O. D. Lutz of Barcroft paid the top price, \$257, for a 2-year-old Hereford bull, Beau Debonair, sired by Beau Grove out of Lady Grove. The following buyers were most prominent at the sale: Fred Mast, A. E. Martin, Hugh Hastings, L. A. Lawhorn, G. W. Halter, A. B. Miller, C. E. McCurdy, Keweenaw Brothers & Anderson, A. H. Powers and J. L. Smith.

VISIT IS RECALLED OF LATE CARDINAL

James Gibbons Welcomed to Portland in 1887.

TRIP WEST WAS OVATION

Prelate While Here Spoke in High Terms of Prosperity Already Evident About City.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE'S TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL GIBBONS.

The late James Cardinal Gibbons was for many years the leading member of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States. His life covered the most important period of the history of the Catholic church in the United States.

His expressions were looked for regarding the attitude of the Catholic church in this country toward every prominent move, and his words were always weighted on sound wisdom and clear direction.

The broad lines of his influence were evident from the great respect he merited from non-Catholics, as well as from Catholics, particularly from the high officials in governmental positions.

"The death of James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore and senior prelate of the Catholic church in the United States, at Baltimore Thursday brought to the memory of many of the older residents of Portland the visit made by Cardinal Gibbons to this city more than 33 years ago and the elaborate reception given him at that time."

It was said to have been the first time in the history of the nation that a cardinal of the Roman Catholic church had been west of the Rocky mountains and consequently it was treated as an event of unusual importance, especially among the officials and members of the Catholic church.

At the time of his visit here Cardinal Gibbons, in speaking at a reception given him at the Casino theater, the largest auditorium in the city at that time, paid a tribute to the adventurous and enterprising citizens of Portland and to the prosperity of the city.

Conferred Religious Rite.

Cardinal Gibbons' visit was primarily for the purpose of conferring the sacred religious rite of Holy Orders on the Rev. W. H. Gross, who at that time was head of the Roman Catholic church here. He arrived in Portland on Friday, October 7, 1887, and was in the city for several days, leaving for San Francisco on October 13.

The cardinal's trip west from Baltimore was a succession of crises at various cities passed through on route. He stopped off at St. Paul, St. Louis and other points, finally arriving in The Dalles on Thursday, October 6.

A committee of church dignitaries and prominent citizens of Portland met the visiting cardinal at The Dalles for the purpose of escorting him to Portland. Services were conducted in the little church at The Dalles by the cardinal, however, before the trip to Portland was made. The party, including the cardinal and the members of his immediate party and the reception committee from Portland, then embarked on board the steamer Harvest Queen for the trip down the Columbia river to Portland.

Vancouver Barracks Inspected.

At the request of officers in command of Vancouver barracks a brief stop was made there for the inspection of the barracks. The trip to Portland was then resumed, the arrival at Astor-dock being made about 6 o'clock Friday night, October 7, 1887.

Here a parade in honor of the visiting dignitary was staged and the cardinal was escorted to the house of the archbishop. His special guard of honor on this occasion was formed by Rev. Father L. L. Conrady and five Indian chiefs from the Umatilla mission, all mounted.

On the following day the cardinal conferred the pallium upon Archbishop Gross at services held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Third and Stark streets. The church was crowded with prominent Portlanders and the cardinal preached a long sermon at that time.

The grand reception officially welcoming Cardinal Gibbons to Portland

was held in the Casino theater on the night of Oct. 8. Addresses were delivered by Henry E. McGinn and M. G. Munly and Cardinal Gibbons responded in a brief address.

He referred to the prosperity and progress which he had witnessed on every hand on his trip west and then in speaking of Portland said:

Great Future Is Seen.

"Here you enjoy prosperity already in existence and with grand and great hopes for the future. For I bless God that this great city on the Pacific slope is prospering in every way under the influence of its adventurous and enterprising citizens."

He also touched upon the labor problems which had greatly interested him at that time and said:

"I am a friend of the laboring man and also of the capitalist. Both must work together. Brain and arm must work together and by means of these arms and these brains our country will be so developed as to surpass any other nation on the face of the earth."

A feature of the reception was the reading of an original poem by Miss Mary McCarthy, now a teacher in the city and living at 287 East Thirtieth street.

Both Catholics and non-Catholics participated in the welcome. Among those occupying seats of honor at the reception were: Ex-Mayor F. W. Searman, Sol Hirsch, Judge George H. Williams, Mayor John Gates, Judge R. H. Stott, Frank Dekum, Benjamin O'Hara, H. L. Pitcock, G. E. Withington, Councilman Gallagher, General Rufus Ingalls, M. C. George, Judge D. Shattuck, Joseph R. Wiley, John Donnerberger, Henry E. McGinn, H. W. Scott, R. E. Knapp, Anthony Nolter, Judge L. B. Stearns, Dr. McElroy, C. H. Dodd, Fred K. Arnold, Charles A. Malarky and Charles Motzinger.

The cardinal was entertained at lunch at the home of R. B. Knapp previous to his departure for San Francisco on October 13, 1887. The day preceding his departure he made another visit to Vancouver and was entertained at a reception at the barracks.

SECRETARY PILFERS FOR LIGHT O'LOVE

Lady Barber Gets More Than \$10,000 in Three Years.

J. C. JOHNSON CONFESSES

Woman's Promise to Wed Dazzles Confidential Secretary Who Cashes Firm's Checks.

For the love of a lady barber, J. C. Johnson, assistant secretary and confidential employee of Iyer J. Rosten company, railroad contractors, looted the funds of his employer over a period of three years until more than \$10,000 had been dropped into the lap of his willing feminine acquaintance, he confessed to newspaper reporters at the county jail yesterday afternoon following his arrest on an embezzlement charge.

That the woman really did not love him all the time she was promising to marry him is the conviction now strong in the mind of Johnson, for he says that she has been communicating with her employers, the possibility of restoring some of the money to him that he might make restitution to his employer and escape criminal prosecution, and that she has definitely refused to help him in any manner.

Charm Leaves Portland.

The woman in the case, according to Johnson, is Icie Haddock, whom he met while she was employed as a

lady barber in a Sixth-street shop in Portland. She now is operating a barber shop in Aberdeen, Wash., he says, and has been there for nearly a year. He has only seen her in the past year on occasions when she would visit Portland to borrow money from him on one pretext or another, usually to pay doctor bills, he declares.

Information in the hands of the district attorney's office would indicate that the woman was married but Johnson declared that in the three years he had known her she had always represented him that she was not married and that some day she would be willing to become his wife. She is about 30 years old and "fairly good looking," says Johnson, who is 23, an unattractive Norwegian, who came to Portland in 1913.

Shave Opens Acquaintance.

"I met her in a restaurant for the first time and noticed that she worked in a barber shop nearby," explained Johnson yesterday. "I went in to have a shave, and met her in this way. It was in April or May of 1918, I think."

"When did she first get money from you?" he was asked.

"Oh, a few weeks later," replied Johnson who speaks excellent English, with little trace of an accent. "She wanted to buy a pair of shoes."

"What did they cost?"

"About \$12."

"What was the most you ever gave her at one time?"

"It was \$700."

"How much did you take altogether?"

"Well, it was more than \$10,000. I saved all the checks. They could never have traced it if I hadn't."

"How much of the \$10,000 did Miss Haddock get?"

His Salary Is Shared.

"All of it and all the money I could save out of my salary, too. I just kept enough for living expenses."

"How much did you receive a month as salary?"

"It averaged around \$200."

Virtually all the office management and bookkeeping in the Rosten office was left to Johnson, who had been in the employ of the concern for eight years. He had no authority to

sign checks but his employer often left signed drafts in the check book to be filled in by Johnson. Johnson would make out the check-book stubs in various ways, first having business with the company and the checks out to himself, and cash them. He always gave cash, never checks, to the lady barber, he said.

The warrant was issued last Friday for the arrest of Johnson on complaint of Mrs. Christina Rosten, wife of the head of the firm, who had been investigating shortages for several months. Johnson was arrested at the office of the company about 6:30 by Deputy Sheriff Kendall and held incommunicado at the county jail until yesterday. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

Restitution Was Expected.

Johnson made no apparent effort to hold anything back when questioned at the county jail and was quite frank as to the sums taken. Had he wished, he said, he could have torn up the cancelled checks, covered his tracks and fled from the city several months ago to avoid facing the music. He expected at some time to be able to make good the shortages, he declared, though he was somewhat hazy as to the manner in which that was to be done. He asserted that he had been promised shares in the company as a reward for faithful services, and that might have been a way for some restitution.

Any delusions he may have entertained concerning the affection of the woman for him apparently had been shattered, yet he did not speak bitterly of her. Asked if she was of his own nationality, he replied that he thought she was Irish, but was not certain. Some of the money he had given her was to help her buy interests in barber shops, he thought, or to defray bills incurred through illness.

Cascadians Seek Alpine Axes.

YAKIMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Members of the Cascadians of this city, in anticipation of their climb of Mt. Adams next summer, are trying to obtain Alpine axes. The club was organized for the purpose of obtaining and dangerous parts of the mountain, it was said. The club now has one Alpine axe, loaned by the Mazama club of Portland.

WHOLESALE TRADE SLOW

RETAILERS ARE BLAMED FOR FAILING TO TAKE LOSSES.

Federal Reserve Bank Says Refusal to Sell Out Old Stock Holds Up Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Wholesale trade in the 12th federal reserve district is still depressed, largely because of the hesitancy of retailers to liquidate high-priced inventories, take their losses where necessary and restock with goods at present wholesale prices, according to a statement issued by the federal reserve bank here today.

Reports from 142 wholesale firms in eight lines for last month showed recessions in value of net sales when compared with February, 1920, but showed an increase in the value of net sales of dry goods, groceries, shoes, furniture and automobile tires in the report said.

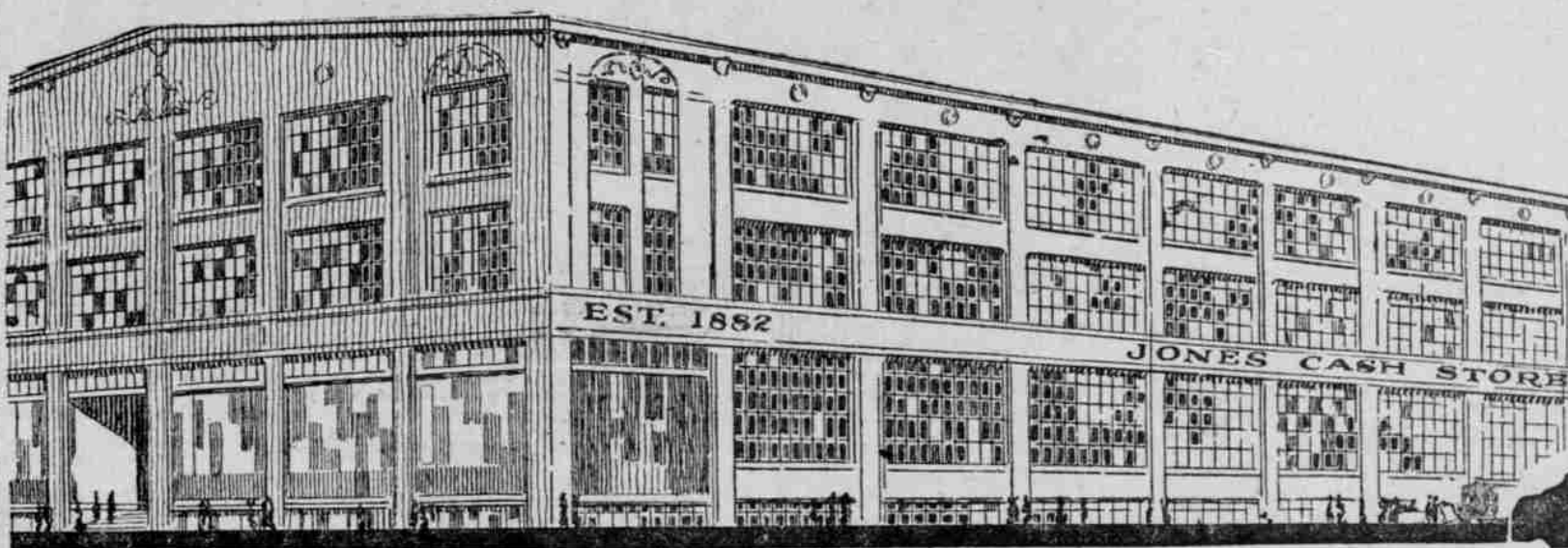
In two lines, automobile tires and groceries, retailers have liquidated much higher-priced merchandise and are buying stock at new wholesale prices. In the other six lines—hardware, dry goods, drugs, shoes, stationery and furniture—this tendency is not defined, some firms reporting that liquidation is still going on, but present buying is merely to fill depleted stocks. Current unfilled orders were reported smaller than usual.

Dr. McElveen to Speak.

Dr. W. T. McElveen, pastor of the First Congregational church, will give an address on "Love and Marriage" at 8:30 P. M. at the club rooms tomorrow night. The address will be open to the public.

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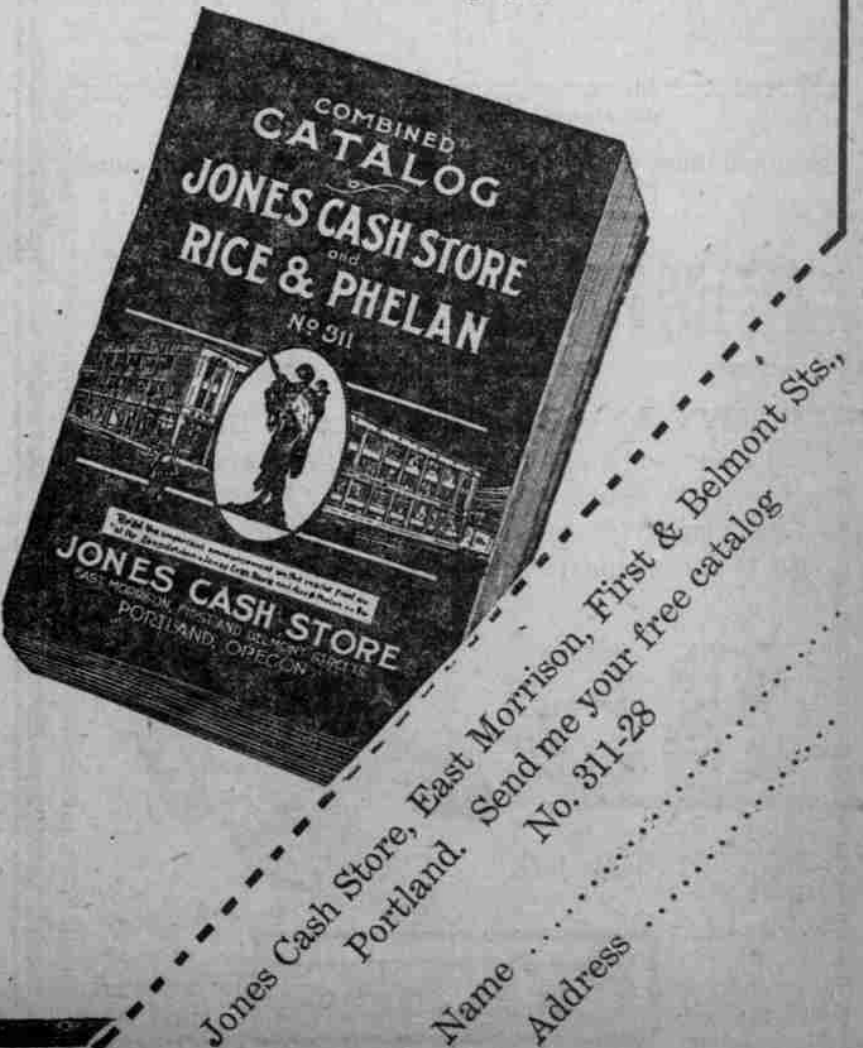
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