

PLAN TO RESUME RAILWAY INQUIRY AFTER MARCH 4TH

Postponement Forced by Press of Congressional Business.

COUNTRY DEMANDS ACTION

Shippers, Investors and Representatives of All Branches of Business Demand Unification of System of Railway Regulation—Roads Ask Fewer Masters.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Congressional Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has been conducting the inquiry into government regulation and control of transportation, last week decided to suspend its hearings on the subject and adjourn, subject to the call of the chairman, because of the pressure of other work before Congress. According to the resolution creating the committee, it is required to submit a report by January 8th next. It is understood that before that time the committee will ask for an extension of time and that the hearings will be resumed at a later date, when some of those who already have appeared before the committee will be questioned further and a great many others will be heard. It is probable, however, that the hearings will not be resumed until after adjournment of Congress on March 4th. In addition to regular routine business the commerce committees of the two houses are charged with the important duty of preparing and presenting the legislation asked for by President Wilson to make it possible a railroad strike without previous investigation. This will leave little or no time for the consideration of the general questions of railway regulation.

Country Wants Something Done. Members of Congress and others who are interested in the inquiry undertaken by the Newlands Committee hold that there is no intention of abandoning it.

It seems doubtful, indeed, if the country would permit the matter to be dropped if there were evidence of a desire on the part of Congress to do so. The nation-wide evidences of interest evoked by the initiation of the Newlands inquiry show that the people of the country—shippers, consumers and investors, as well as railway men themselves—are alive to the fact that the railway situation is highly unsatisfactory and that steps must be taken without unnecessary delay to meet the growing needs of the nation.

From reports received here it seems as though almost every commercial organization and business interest in the country were engaged in studying the railroad question. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has been conducting an elaborate inquiry into various phases of the subject for many months past. Many local and state commercial bodies in every part of the country have committees engaged in study of the problem and have indicated a desire to come here and present their views. National organizations of manufacturers, lumbermen, coal operators, wholesale and retail dealers, have expressed through resolutions their desire for the unification of the system of railway regulation. The National Industrial Traffic League, speaking from the viewpoint of shippers using the railways, has indicated exclusive federal regulation providing it is accomplished in such a way as to give full protection and prompt adjustment in matters relating to transportation within the states.

Many Interests Studying Problem. All these organizations represent primarily the shippers of the country, but they are not the only ones who are taking a hand in the discussion. The investors of the nation, through their own associations and through committees representing the savings banks and other financial organizations, are preparing to show the necessity of improving railroad credit and protecting the rights of those whose money is invested in railway securities. Finally the railroads themselves, being vitally concerned in the improvement of existing conditions, are planning to submit their views through their executives, operating officials and traffic experts and to assert their willingness to accept far-reaching federal regulation along lines that will enable them to attract capital and to provide the facilities needed for the prompt and efficient handling of the country's transportation business.

Main Trouble is Too Many Masters. Not all of these interests are in accord as to the remedies that should be adopted. There seems to be a general agreement, however, that many of the difficulties which confront the railroads and which make it impossible for them to meet the requirements of the nation's commerce promptly and satisfactorily arise from the haphazard and often conflicting measures of regulation that have been adopted from time to time by the federal government and the forty-eight states and that what is needed is a well ordered, systematic scheme of federal regulation that shall cover the whole country and make it possible for the railroads to provide the extensions and improved facilities so badly needed, while at the same time protecting fully the public interests.

MR. MITTY EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

Salem, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1916. Editor Lincoln County Leader.

I have read with interest the different local contributions, in which some reference and comments were made about my article in your paper, issued December 8th; in which I criticized the past management of public affairs of Lincoln county, as having been, to a great extent, a course of recklessly levying and expending tax funds, that was proving detrimental to the best interests of the county; and in such article I used the term "resident tax-using parasites."

Subsequently a party at Waldport protests against the use of such term, but says, "I do not deny that much tax money has been squandered in Lincoln County, some foolishly, some carelessly and some even criminally; but it give me a tired feeling to hear our County Court continually knocked by those who cannot give any suggestion as to how County affairs can be managed better."

Now if it would prove more satisfactory to such citizens, or anyone else, I am willing to call such element of citizens referred to, as foolish tax levying and reckless tax squandering spend thrifits; and not use the harsher word mentioned by such Waldport citizen.

But my previous or present appellation does not, specifically, apply to any certain public officials or legal electors of the different road and school districts of the county; neither do they necessarily apply to the present members of the county court. As a matter of fact, I used the following sentence in my previous article, "Under present conditions, past extravagances and wastefulness, Lincoln county people are acquiring, elsewhere, an undesirable reputation in regard to the management of public business, that is proving a serious detriment to the growth and development of the county." Certainly a criticism of present conditions, that are the outgrowth of past extravagances and wastefulness, is not a knock against the present Court; nor do I blame the County Court for the acts of others in making special road and school district levies, much of which has been nothing more or less than legal tax exploitation of non-residents—instead, judging from the public proceedings and actions of the present Court, I consider the members of the same capable, fair minded men, possessing a deep sense of public duty and responsibility, with the courage to carry out their conscientious convictions.

Such capabilities, courage and convictions were displayed when the road-districts were consolidated in such a way as to stop the voting of district road levies; a course of actions tending to repress the tax-levying spirit, and arouse the resentment of resident-electors, while chiefly benefiting the non-resident taxpayers, who are not in a situation, to cast a ballot for such officials at election time. Thank you Gentlemen! such work is appreciated. I wish you had equal discretionary powers of control, over the voting of special tax levies of school-districts. Also wish to commend your decision to apply 5 1/2 mills of the tax-levy recently made, toward the payment of outstanding county warrants.

Now I wish to quote another sentence from the article by the Waldport citizen and make a reply to it, so he can get another slap at me. He says, "Any baby can cry for milk, but it takes a man to provide the wherewith to buy the fluid at ten cents per quart." That may be true about Waldport, but such statement is apparently, some knock against that locality; either in opportunities for, or the capabilities of the women and children of such community. Now, I have always lived in communities where women, and even some of the small school-children could provide the wherewith to buy a quart of milk, quite frequently; and I am inclined to think that there are women, possibly school-teachers at Waldport that can accomplish such a business achievement. In a future letter, I will take up some other matters mentioned by the Waldport citizen and Web; in the meantime they can mentally digest this letter, and slap at me again, with their pens, as such action will not increase the cost of my living or decrease that part of my earnings that I can use for such purpose.

...for past and...ours truly. Geo. C. Mitty.

WEB REPLIES TO C. TANGEN

Eddyville, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1917. Editor Leader:

Mr. Tangen's article in your last paper is absurd, but I cannot refrain from answering it. He must remember that local conditions differ greatly and that if the whole of western Oregon were to engage solely in the dairy and beef industry it would not affect the market to any great extent. The modern ways of shipping take care of these matters in a very efficient way indeed, and our butter, cheese, and beef can be shipped to the mines and mills and cities of the east, where such products can be consumed.

Mr. Tangen's fear about over-production in this line is ungrounded. The mere idea of all the counties in every state featuring the production of butter, cheese, and beef is ridiculous. Different localities need different specialties. Cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, etc., have their natural localities in which to flourish. If western Oregon can do better with livestock than any other one crop, it should specialize in it. We can't raise cotton, corn, wheat, or tobacco in a commercial way here, so we must specialize in what will succeed best.

Mr. Tangen says that my statements about the installation of a county agent being reckless extravagance, thought of only by parasites and anarchists, are just plain lies. It tickles me!

As far as "insinuations" are concerned, I never insinuated anything in my articles in your paper. I have tried to give frank honest facts and figures, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

But when Mr. Tangen boasts for co-operation and organization I am with him. Here's hoping to succeed in 1917!

Web.

TOM SPILKINS HAS TAKEN TO CHEWING

Fernanchittum, Oregon, Jan. 3, 1917. Editor Leader:

I am sorry to say that I have busted awl my resalushions already. I am chewing tobaccoer again just like the old bridel kow chews her kud. I did stop it fer haf a day thoe. But that ain't awl I wanted to say. I want to register a kik on the nefarious letters you print namely from Web tu Mr. Tangen and vice versa.

I seen Burt Gear the uther day an I sez Burt kin I git an injunktion on Web and a rit of habias corpus on Tangen or sumthing like that tu keep them out uf bludshed and Burt he sed Oh thats allrite Tom theyll smuther in hot air after a wile.

Well I sez, we shude not allow Tangen tu rite such long letters enymore fer he's apt tu git his feet tangled up in em an hir-kounty agent by mistake an Burt sez we shude wurry.

Another thing wot struck me dum with amazement was E. P. Currys letter. I always new that mister Curry was a nice man, but it wuz nuzze tu me that he wuz an apostle of free love. But he is on the rite track ennyway even if he zuz love everybody an I wuz glad to reed his letter.

Haz ennyone heerd frum mister Mitty of salem lately. I gess that is awl I can rite this time so I must stop.

Yures lovingly, Tom Spilkins.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Industrial Development in Oregon Continues. Shipbuilding Breaks All Records. Crops Good with High Prices. Railroads and Public Utilities Making Many Improvements.

Jan. 1, Buhl—Alfalfa seed industry here reaches 121,000 bu. for 1916.

Salem to get \$60,000 addition to federal postoffice building.

Vale—Western Pacific Co. will drill here for oil and gas.

Oregon legislature plan \$18,000,000 bond issue for rural loans.

Portland—\$1,750,000 Portland-Vancouver bridge complete over Columbia river.

Pendleton—\$30,000 road show theatre planned here.

Marshfield — Smith-Powers

ask franchise for railroad from Runkler Hill to Summit.

Silver Lake Leader—Since Oregon in the past few years has become known as the incubator of freak legislation, the grounds where every willy-nilly idea is first tried out, it is to be hoped that the members of the 1917 Legislature will strive to correct this evil and perform the duty that a majority of the people of the State have elected them to do.

Salem—Attorney General demands \$38,320 to conduct his department on account of many laws enacted.

Flouring mill at John Day to operate after February first.

Oregon City—Woolen mills here shared profits with 490 employees.

Portland—Albina Engine & Machine Works has contracts for two 3300 ton and four 3800 ton steel steamships.

Medford defeated irrigation district formation to great detriment of sugar beet industry.

The proposed bill to kill commercial fishing on the Rouge river should get such a defeat in the legislature that no more industry killing legislation of that kind will be proposed.

North Bend—Large dredging improvement to be undertaken on Pony Slough.

North Bend—225 foot lumber carrier Florence Olson launched here.

Roseburg—Total tax levy of Douglas county for 1917 \$376,328, as against \$413,203 for 1915.

Oregon valuations as equalized \$51,481,512 below 1915.

Cushman—Logging railroad to be built up Bernhardt Creek.

Salem—Spaulding Logging Co. purchases South Mill Creek water power and site for manufacturing plant.

Lane County budget cut by \$31,000 below estimates.

Silver Lake Leader—It is to be devoutly wished when the Legislature convenes on January 9, 1917, that each member will go to the State capitol with the avowed purpose of making this commonwealth a "Greater Oregon", by promoting such laws that will invite capital into the State, thus bringing about the development of its wonderful resources.

Prairie City—Flour mill here to be operated next year.

Coos Bay coal mines being developed as S. P. Co.'s new line in here has opened other markets.

Reedsport—S. P. Co. making extensive improvements here.

Portland—To reduce high taxes city and county government to be consolidated. School district and port district to be added to reduce overhead.

La Grande has largest packing plant in Eastern Oregon.

Haines—Work on chloride mine on Rich Creek to be resumed.

Bend, the boom town of Eastern Oregon, now has two daily papers.

Albany will seek to develop flax industry.

First railroad, then sugar factory, now smelter and the Grants Pass snowball of progress rolls on.

Portland—Oregon hotel to be raised to 15 stories—cost \$750,000.

Salem erecting two brick stores.

Albany—Furniture factory is in the market for 80 carloads of Coast alder, maple and ash, cut in the following lengths: Four feet 4 inches, and eight feet and 8 inches, cut in cord-wood style.

Proposed Oregon freak law bill to make lazy husbands work.

Brownville—Rep. Elmore, re-elected to the legislature, has never introduced a bill of his own and says that he has none this time. His idea of service to his county is not in seeing how many bills he can get passed.

Ontario—\$14,000 street lighting system to be installed here by Idaho Power Co. which is also given 10 years lighting contract.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has this day filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln her Final Account as Administratrix of the estate of Thomas F. Lewis, Deceased, and that said Court has fixed Monday the 22d day of January, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time, and the County Court Room in the County Court House in Toledo, in Lincoln County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said Final Account and all objections thereto. Dated at Toledo, Oregon, December 18th, 1916. Ella M. Baxter, Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas F. Lewis, Deceased.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Somebody has twice broken into the school buildings and done considerable damage. Should this happen again we will endeavor to locate the guilty party, or parties, and prosecute them to the full extent of the law. Signed, School Board Dist. 2.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Charles Cator and Alwine Mischler, have by the County Court of Lincoln County, Oregon, been duly appointed Executor and Executrix of the estate of John Mischler, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to said Executor and Executrix at the residence of the latter in Lincoln County, and about four miles from Harlan, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is the 24th day of November, 1916. Charles Cator, Executor. Alwine Mischler, Executrix. Yates & Lewis, Attys for the Estate.

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