



## ADJUSTMENT OF RATES

### Asked By Pacific Coast Jobbers.

## EXHORBITANT—UNJUST

### Are the Present Freight Charges Form the Coast to Interior.

## FREIGHT IS SENT BY WATER

### Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty Allowed Petition Filed With Defense But Will Not Go Into General Rate Revision.

PORTLAND, April 16.—A sensation resulted today in the Spokane terminal rate hearing before Interstate Commissioner Prouty when the coast jobbers asked leave to intervene. The petition prays for a radical readjustment of all rates from coast points to the interior and allege that the present freight charges are exorbitant and unjust.

Commissioner Prouty said he feared the petition would introduce a new issue into the hearing and preferred not to go into a general rate revision at this time. At the same time he allowed the petition to be filed with the defendants, the three transcontinental railroads entering Spokane.

These lines now have two foes to fight. Joining hands with them in opposing the Spokane terminal rates are the coast jobbers. Should, however Spokane win the case, then the former allies of the railroad will turn against them and fight for the reductions eastward as well as west.

The petition is signed by Col. Loveland, President of the Pacific Coast Jobbers and Manufacturers, and E. C. Giltner, acting for the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The testimony, today, consisted of further evidence as to the cost of construction of railways and the testimony of the Portland jobbers who denounce the business done by the water route and that this method of transporting freight is increasing. Among these witnesses was W. A. Mears, who declared the railroads discriminated against Portland in the making of freight rates to interior points. Mears specified Spokane and Boise as illustrations. The witness declared that the formation of the Spokane zone whereby, the district within radius of one hundred miles in each direction from Spokane, was made a tributary to that city by the adjustment of rates. The result was, he said the coast jobbers were shut out of the territory, they had formerly been serving. The coast jobbers he said have complained about this to the railroads but up to the present time have obtained no relief.

## POLICE CHIEF SHOT.

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 16.—While attempting to arrest Fred K. Reyner, a gambler and gun fighter, Chief of Police, Waldren shot Reyner through the abdomen and was himself struck by four bullets from Reyner's gun. Reyner will probably die while Waldren is expected to recover.

## BASEBALL SCORES.

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—Los Angeles 3 San Francisco 5.  
OAKLAND, Oakland 5 Portland 1.

## AMERICANS KUROKI

TOKIO, April 16.—The American ambassador Luke E. Wright, gave a luncheon today in honor of General Kuroki who with his party will leave for Amestown, Va., tomorrow on the Japanese steamship Aki. The affair was brilliant success.

## TRAIN ROBBER ARRESTED.

MARSHFIELD, April 16.—Joseph Bush was arrested at Myrtle Point, Oregon, today on the charge of having been connected with the robbery of the train on the Missouri Pacific railroad, at Pittsburg, Kansas, on March 4th last when John Henry, a passenger was killed.

## CHICAGO POLICE CONTRIBUTED.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Chicago's police department contributed thousands of dollars in the Democratic campaign fund in the recent Mayorality campaign and has contributed in a like manner to whichever party has been in power as long as the older officers can remember according to revelations made today before the Civil Service commission by the police officials.

## THIRTY EIGHT KILLED.

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—The latest reports from various points in Southern Mexico give 38 as the number killed in the recent earthquake and 33 as the number injured. When the complete reports are received it is expected that the casualties will be greatly augmented.

## ANNIVERSARY OF FRISCO QUAKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Observance of the first anniversary of the earthquake and fire which laid San Francisco in ruins on April 18 last year, began tonight with a charity fete at the Fairmount Hotel. Thursday, the actual anniversary has been declared a municipal holiday and on that evening there will be notable dinner given by the Merchant's association.

## DARING ROBBERY

### Bandits Secure \$25,000 at St. Paul.

## CLERK OPENS THE SAFE

### At Point Of Revolver—Robbers Escape—Northern Pacific Express Company The Loser—Union Depot At St. Paul The Scene Of Robbery.

ST. PAUL, April 16.—A bandit held up the Northern Pacific Express company's Union Depot office, tonight and compelled the clerk to open the safe and give him a package containing \$25,000. At ten thirty tonight an accomplice of the robber called at the office and caused one of the clerks to step outside. Fred Zerman, the clerk, soon afterward found himself confronted by a masked robber who pointed a pistol at his head. Zerman obeyed and handed out the package of currency which was to go to Duluth on the midnight train. After receiving the bulky envelope the robber backed out of the office, after first commanding Zerman to turn his face to the wall and remain in that position for ten minutes under pain of death. Both of the bandits escaped.

## MINE FIRE BEYOND CONTROL.

DEADWOOD, April 16.—Fire in the Homestake Mine which has been raging two weeks is reported today to be quite beyond control. Rocks surrounding the flames are so hot that it is most impossible for men to get near enough to fight the flames.

## HON. CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS COMING HERE

### Vice President of the United States Has Accepted Many Hearty Invitations.

## JULY DATE IS NOT YET FULLY DETERMINED

### Chamber of Commerce Responsible for the Honor Aided and Abetted By United States Senator C. W. Fulton and Hon. Herman Wise Mayor of Astoria--Wires His Acknowledgement.

## HE WILL BE PRIVATE GUEST OF HON. CHAS. W. FULTON

### Intention Of Chamber Of Commerce To Ask The Attendance Of The Governors And United States Senators Of The Pacific Northwest States On The Day Of The Vice President's Coming Preparations Are Soon To Be Afoot For An Elaborate, And Important Event.

The Vice President of the United States will visit Astoria sometime in July, the date to be fixed, when he will be given a banquet by the Chamber of Commerce. He will probably be here about the 15th.

The Sunday newspapers told that Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks would address the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle in July, probably between the 10th and 15th of that month. Mr. Whyte, the Manager of the Chamber of Commerce prepared a telegraphic invitation to Mr. Fairbanks as follows, and as soon as he came down to his office on Monday morning, sent it:

"Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, vice President, United States, Washington, D. C.

"Astoria, Chamber of Commerce would like to give a banquet in your honor when you come to Seattle to address International Christian Endeavor Convention in July. Astoria is second largest and oldest city in Oregon. Will you wire acceptance of invitation cordially and unanimously extended by our citizens and fix date as soon as possible. "James W. Welch, "President Chamber of Commerce."

"Herman Wise, "Mayor of Astoria." Senator Fulton was out of the city or he would have been asked to sign the telegram also, but as soon as he returned to the city he sent a very cordial invitation by telegram making all the more emphatic the telegram just previously sent by Mr. Whyte.

Here is a copy of the telegraphic reply from Vice President Fairbanks received by Manager Whyte and by Mayor Wise yesterday evening at 4:15 o'clock: "I gladly accept your invitation to attend the banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria in July. Will advise you early as possible as to date. "Charles W. Fairbanks."

Mr. Fairbanks is one of the three most prominently mentioned candidates in the Republican party for the presidency of the United States to succeed President Roosevelt. He is especially spoken of as the candidate of the conservative element. Against him, according to present indications will be arrayed Senator Foraker of Ohio and Secretary of War Taft of Ohio, one of these Ohio men of course, is bound to defeat the other and the victor will then oppose Mr. Fairbanks.

Mr. Fairbanks was born on a farm near Unionville Center, Union County Ohio, May 11, 1862, was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood and at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., graduating from that institution in 1872 in the classical course.

He married Miss Cornelia Cole in 1874, was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1874 and re-

moved to Indianapolis in the same year, where he practiced his profession until his admission to the United States Senate.

He never held a public office prior to his election to the senatorship in 1897. He was elected a trustee of the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1885, was chairman of the Indiana State Republican conventions in 1892 and in 1893. He was unanimously chosen nominee of the Republican caucus for United States senator in the Indiana legislature in January 1893 and subsequently received the entire party vote in the legislature, but was defeated by David Turpie, Democrat. He was elected to the United States Senate, Jan. 20th, 1897, to succeed Daniel W. Voorhees, Democrat. He took his seat March 4th, 1897 and was re-elected in 1903.

He was appointed a member of the United States and British Joint High Commission which met in Quebec in 1898 for the adjustment of Canadian questions, and was chairman of the United States High Commissioners.

In 1896 he was a delegate-at-large to the National Republican Convention in St. Louis and was temporary chairman of the convention. In 1900 he was a delegate-at-large to the National Republican Convention in Philadelphia and as chairman of the committee on resolutions, reported the platform.

In 1904 he was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, and was chairman of the Indiana delegation. He was unanimously nominated by the convention as vice president of the United States and elected on the ticket with Theodore Roosevelt, receiving 337 of the 476 electoral votes, to 139 for Henry Gassaway Davis Democratic candidate of West Virginia.

He resigned from the United States Senate from Indiana to take effect on March 4th, 1905, at noon, on which day and hour he took the oath as vice president of the United States.

While in this city the vice president will be the guest of Senator Fulton who is a warm personal friend of Mr. Fairbanks.

Mr. Paul Wessinger of Portland who is to build a new hotel on the corner of Commercial and Twelfth streets in this city has been asked by Manager Whyte if possible to have his new hostelry ready for the banquet in honor of the distinguished guest and it is expected of him that he will at least make a serious effort in that direction although it is scarcely probable that he can complete the hotel or any part of it in three months time.

It is the idea of Manager Whyte to make the banquet an occasion of importance in as many ways as possible. In the first place it must be remembered that Mr. Fairbanks is the second

citizen of the nation by virtue of his dignified office and that he may presently become the first citizen through the fortunes of the approaching national election.

The banquet table should display all of the products peculiar to the state of Oregon, yet having a national reputation and fame. There are many of these and the best carrier in Astoria can furnish a long list. Nothing in the line of fish, game, fruit and meats should be overlooked. The decoration should all be of Oregon flowers.

Invitations will be extended to the governors and senators of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Montana, Utah and North and South Dakota, and the men prominent in the business, industrial commercial and professional life of Oregon and the entire Northwest will be invited to make up the list of guests which it is expected will be as illustrious as any ever gathered together in one place in the state of Oregon.

It is not yet ascertained whether or not Mrs. Fairbanks will accompany her husband, but if she does, there will be plenty for the ladies of Astoria to do to help make the occasion one of renown.

The exact date of the coming of the vice president will be fixed as soon as he has an opportunity to look over his itinerary. Senator Fulton's urgent invitation in addition to that of the Chamber of Commerce which was also signed by the mayor, doubtless had much to do with causing Mr. Fairbanks to accept the invitation, and it will be necessary now to perfect the best possible arrangements for the banquet. If a pagoda has to be built on top of Coxcomb Hill for the occasion, then, this task must be outlined and determined upon at once, other ideas for the location for the banquet are in order in case the new hotel is not completed by that time. The Chamber of Commerce will through proper committees take up the matter of working out the details at once.

As the vice president will probably come in his private car, it will most likely be fitting that a special committee be appointed, among other details, to go to Seattle and accompany him to this city.

## THE DEFENSE RESTS

### Hermann Land Fraud Case Nearing an End.

## HIS REPUTATION IS GOOD

### Several Prominent Court Officials Testify To That Effect—Senator Mitchell Received Two \$1000 Bills From S. A. D. Puter.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The defense in the Hermann case rested this afternoon and the prosecution at once began the evidence in rebuttal. The sur-rebuttal testimony of the defense, it is expected, will be brief, after which the arguments will be made and the case given to the jury. That Hermann's reputation for honesty and integrity is good, was testified to by Justice McKenna of the United States Supreme Court, Justice Lowery of the United States Court of Claims, Justice Gould of the Supreme Court of District of Columbia and Chief Clerk Gilfrey of the United States Senate. John S. Mosby produced two letters from the defendant commending him mostly for work done in running down the land frauds in Nebraska in 1902, when Col Mosby was special agent of the land office. These were to show that all of Hermann's letters were not copied in his letter books. Harry J. Brown, Washington correspondent of a Portland newspaper, identified the dispatch he sent to his paper on July 23, 1902, telling of the creation of the Blue Mountain Forrest Reserve. This information he said he got from Her-

## CASS REFUSES TO TESTIFY

### Claims He Might Incriminate Himself.

## RUEF TRIAL ON TODAY

### Grand Jury Adjourned Until Saturday Give Heney Time to Work Up Case.

## NO INDICTMENTS RETURNED

### Police Compelled To Drive Man And Woman Agitators With Placards Away From Grand Jury Chamber. Probing Next Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—For a second time within a week, President Cass of the Home Telephone Company of Los Angeles and one of the five stockholders of the Empire Construction Co., today refused to be examined by the grand jury as to his connection or knowledge of the alleged bribing of the San Francisco supervisors, to award the franchise to the Home Company of this city. A few weeks ago Cass appeared before the jury and allowed himself to be interrogated by Heney. Latter desiring to get certain facts if possible through the medium of a Los Angeles capitalist the jury had him summoned a few days ago. In the meantime Cass and his associates had employed George Knight, who advised Cass and the others to refuse to give further testimony on the ground that "they were informed the grand jury" meant to indict them anyhow, and to testify might render them liable to prosecution."

Today, Heney called Knight up on the phone and told him that he (Knight) had been misinformed as to the intention of the Grand Jury to indict his clients with or without cause and again "extended Cass the privilege of going before the Grand Jury and "explaining certain suspicious circumstances, if he could do so, and desired to." Cass appeared today today in the Grand Jury ante-room but when invited to take the stand refused on the ground that he might incriminate himself.

The Grand Jury adjourned, today, until Saturday without returning any indictments. In order to give Heney, time to prepare the case against the United Railroads, whose alleged bribing of supervisors and others is to be probed next week.

An extraordinary incident, today was the appearance at Gough and Geary streets of a man and an aged woman, the latter carrying a huge placard rudely littered with denunciations of Rudolph Spreckels, Heney, Langdon and the Grand jury. The man attracted a large crowd in front of the Native Sons Hall and loudly harangued them. The members of the Grand Jury came to the windows of their chamber and listened with some show of amusement. The Police finally drove the man and his aged companion away. Ruef's trial will be resumed tomorrow.

mann and it was printed two days before the alleged "Tip" to Mays was sent. S. A. D. Puter today reiterated his statement that he got six or eight \$1,000 bills from a Milwaukee bank. Two of these bills he said were the ones he gave to Senator Mitchell.