

WILL MEN ARE IN FIGHT FOR LIVES WITH ROAD

Rise in Southern Pacific Rates Spells Ruin to Valley Manufacturers.

REVENGE IS SAID TO BE BACK OF NEW RATES

Answer to the Constant Demand for Cars is an Evident Intent by the Common Carrier to Throttle a Great Industry.

War to the knife, and the knife to the hilt, is the immediate prospect between the Southern Pacific railroad and the lumber manufacturers of the Willamette valley and southern Oregon. The millmen say the proposed increase of the freight rates on green common lumber to San Francisco will bankrupt them, and the railroad freight officials declare in answer that the rate shall go into effect regardless of results.

Millmen are aroused, and the word is going down the line that a strong organization must be formed and the fight must be carried to the court of last resort if necessary to prevent extermination of the lumbering industry between Salem and Astoria. The small mills are at the present time making a profit of \$2 to \$3 per thousand feet on their product delivered at the railway station. The proposed increase of freight rates to San Francisco—which is their only outlet—amounts to \$2.15 per thousand, which would wipe out practically all of their profit.

Thousands are Affected. The territory affected has about 100 mills, and from 1,000 to 5,000 employees, all of which are starting ruin in the face of a result of the proposed advance in rates, which the railroad officials say must go into effect April 15 to save the Southern Pacific company from losing money.

"Revenge," an ugly word in commercial and industrial affairs, is being bandied. It is said the Southern Pacific company is wreaking vengeance upon the lumber interests for the active part they took in urging the passage of the new railroad regulation law in Oregon. There is one other explanation of the railroad company's policy offered—that it has deliberately determined to strangle the interior lumber mill industry to stop the incessant cry for cars.

Infants to be Choked. "To the railroad company our mills are like a large family of infants crying for food when there is nothing in the pantry. The company has decided that we must be put out of the way," said one millman who has been persistent in operating his mill and demanding cars in which to ship his product. "With more tonnage than it can furnish cars to move, the com-

pany does not care whether we live or not. There was a time when the railroad company would consider us as fit to walk on when it wanted business in the valley to keep the railroad running. At that time the lumber mills were worth while considering, and rates were made under which we could live and do business. Now, when the constant car shortage is a menace to the company's comfort, and its watered stocks are paying 10 per cent dividends, the railroad people have decided that there is no use permitting us to exist any longer, as the Portland mills are turning out all of the lumber that the railroad company has cars to haul with.

Retaliation by Railroad. When the recent agitation was at its height, a railway commission bill and a reciprocal demurrage law, the shipping interests at Eugene and Albany and other points held car shortage conventions and took vigorous action that went far toward crystallizing public sentiment in favor of the proposed railroad regulation laws. The valley lumber mill men were foremost in these activities. It is now alleged, by men who have been watching every move closely, that the railroad company is retaliating.

The suggestion that the old lumber rate from valley points to San Francisco, 15 1/2 cents per 100 pounds for 417 miles, was unprofitable to the railroad company, is met by the fact that the same railroad people are hauling lumber from the Willamette valley to Chicago, 2,418 miles, for 19 cents per ton. If it be true that the haul from the valley to San Francisco is unprofitable, the haul must be extremely unprofitable to the railroad, as the Chicago rate is very much lower per ton per mile. The railroad people have said the haul southward over the Steilacoom is expensive, but there are also mountain ranges to the eastward, over which the lumber must be hauled to reach Chicago. In the absence of any real reason for the increase in rates, the lumber mill men are convinced that the railroad company's attitude toward them is simply one of revenge.

Millmen to Organize. It is probable that the lumber mill men in the valley and throughout southern Oregon will organize and carry their case before the interstate commerce commission. They will also go before the Oregon railway commission and demand a reduction of the \$1 per 1,000 feet to Portland, where they will secure an outlet by water to San Francisco.

Millmen say they can run their mills at present prices and absorb as much as \$1 per 1,000 feet, so long as they get a ready market and do not meet with losses at sea. The Oregon railway commission will meet at Salem, April 15 to consider their case.

TO BUY GOODS AT PORTLAND

Government Will Advertise for Supplies to Be Delivered Here as Well as Puget Sound.

DISCRIMINATION IS TO BE PREVENTED

This City is Now Very Much on the Map in Washington and Will No Longer Be Ignored Officially by the Government.

Repeated acts of discrimination committed by government departmental officials against Portland in the matter of bids for supplies, and in various ways affecting the standing of this port, will be stopped, according to a dispatch from Washington. It is said Senator Tomahawk Bourne has secured a letter from the commissary general of the army at Washington giving assurance that there will be no further omission by departments in this respect.

Hereafter, when advertising for supplies for the northwest and for Alaska points, the government will call for bids for delivery at Portland as well as for deliveries at Tacoma, Seattle or other Puget Sound points. There never has been the slightest excuse or ground for ignoring this port for in years past it was the focal point of the Pacific northwest business of the government as well as private commerce and Alaska relied entirely upon Portland for its supplies.

In recent years a custom has grown up of favoritism to Puget sound ports, and in spite of repeated protests sent to different sub-officials at Washington and San Francisco the practice of discrimination was pursued. The new ruling will, it is said, put a stop to this policy, and from this time forward the commissary general will see to it that bids are invited at Postland as well as at Puget sound.

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PARTISAN BUT NOT SPOILSMAN

Thomas, However, Declares Offices Go to Those Who Work for Organization.

APPALLING LIST OF MAYOR LANE'S MISDEEDS

Central Committee Chairman Points Out Importation of Park Superintendent From Idaho and Also the Appointment of Bruin.

George H. Thomas, who has announced himself as a Democratic candidate for nomination for mayor, takes issue with the argument that the rules of the civil service commission prevent the exercise of much discretion in the awarding of appointments. He reiterates the doctrine that the victor belongs the spoils, and that Mayor Lane has appointed men to office without reference to their service to the party. The statement prepared by Mr. Thomas is as follows:

"It has been contended for Mayor Lane that the civil service commission of the city charter withheld from him the discretionary privilege of appointing Democrats to office; so much more the reason then why he should have exercised a jealous care in selecting resident Democrats for the very few offices at his disposal. The mayor failed to appoint a chief of police until compelled to do so by a Republican city council.

"The appointment of Mr. Grittmacher to that responsible position implies that Mayor Lane considers there is not in Portland a Democrat capable of conducting that office. When he secured from Lewiston, Idaho, a keeper for the parks of our city we must believe that he thought there was no Republican or Democrat within the city of Portland who could properly discharge the duties of that place, and when he selected Mr. Patrick Bruin, late of the Philippine islands, as inspector of police, it appears that he slurred every member of the police department and ignored every Democrat in the city. Those who had done so much to make of Dr. Lane a successful politician.

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SPINAL MENINGITIS CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Dread spinal meningitis has claimed another victim in Portland. Edwin L. Foke of 1012 East Main street, after lying in an unconscious condition for two weeks, succumbed to the ravages of the baffling disease yesterday morning at St. Vincent's sanatorium.

It is the opinion of the physicians that Foke contracted the malady in Seattle, where he was in the employ of the street railway company. Within two days after returning from the sound city symptoms of spinal meningitis developed and Dr. J. B. Moore was called to attend the patient. The physician ordered Foke removed to the hospital.

E. L. Foke was the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Foke, 35 years of age, and was born and raised at South Mount Tabor. In the presence of the relatives the body was interred in Multnomah cemetery yesterday afternoon.

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