

WITNESSES OF SEATTLE TRIALS ROADS TESTIFY FOR FAIR MONEY

Joint Wheat Rate Advocates Meet With Measurable Contradictions, Property Owners Block the Securing of Exposition Appropriation.

ADVANTAGE IS NOT ALWAYS TO PORTLAND

Ordinary exigencies of supply and demand modify the alleged rate conditions, it is granted—Northern Pacific's congestion.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., July 3.—The defendant railroads enjoyed a sort of field day before the railroad commission yesterday in the joint wheat rate hearing, six of their witnesses being examined. The state has not closed its case, but permission was given the defendants to examine several witnesses who were anxious to return home.

William Chambers of Pullman, a wheat buyer for the Portland mills, gave strong testimony in contradiction to that for the state. He said it was common thing to pay more for wheat for Portland than for the Puget sound market.

Local Conditions Often Prevail.

All these testified that local conditions at Portland or on the sound often fixed the price of wheat temporarily. A shortage at Portland or a shortage at Tacoma or Seattle, they said, would cause the mills at those places to pay a high price for wheat for a few days in order to avoid shutting down.

Ira B. Richards, superintendent of transportation of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters at St. Paul, explained the traffic conditions of his road. One of the points emphasized by him was that the Northern Pacific is now handling all the business it can possibly handle in the state of Washington, and that the addition of joint wheat rate business would be an injury to the present shippers and business men who are dependent upon that road.

Contradicts Wesley.

The star witness was E. W. Wright, representative of some of the Oregon commercial bodies, and of the Portland law firm of Wesley, Nesbitt, and Wright, who said last week that he had been given instructions by Mr. Wright to send colored reports of the conditions in the Puget sound to the Oregonian. Mr. Wright testified that he had been the compiler of wheat quotations in Portland for many years. He said he had not always been safe to rely on quotations given by dealers, who were naturally interested parties. It was his custom to get figures from all dealers, and then verify them by Liverpool quotations, discount, freight rates, etc.

To Sound Buyers' Advantage.

Mr. Wright explained the difference in price between Portland and Puget sound on wheat because of temporary demands at one place or the other. A tramp steamer would frequently drop in from the Puget sound to fill for the outgoing trip would take freight at about two thirds the regular rate. "When steamers," he said, "often carried wheat from Puget sound to the Orient at \$3 a ton, when the regular rate was \$5, and the Puget sound buyers would then pay a higher price for the wheat than the market quotations in order to get a quick cargo. In this way, he said, Puget sound buyers had been enabled to buy wheat in the Puget sound territory in eastern Washington, ship it to Seattle or Tacoma via Portland and absorb the local freight charge from Portland to Puget sound.

Joint Rate Would Hurt Portland.

Mr. Wright admitted on cross examination that he believed a joint rate would be inimical to Portland interests. He put it on the ground that it would cut up O. R. & N. territory in Puget sound buyers and would still leave Great Northern territory exclusively in Puget sound territory, and the farmers in the latter road would be injured at the same time that the Puget sound buyers would have their field enlarged at the expense of the Portland mills and wheat buyers.

MEETING OF EASTERN OREGON PHYSICIANS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hot Lake, Or., July 2.—The Eastern Oregon District Medical society is in annual session at Hot Lake, most of the members being in attendance. The following is the program as made public in advance of the meeting: Address of welcome, Dr. W. T. Fyfe, Hot Lake, response for the society, Dr. Jacob Prinsing, president, Ontario, Oregon; "Business Methods and Systematizing," J. C. Woodard, Payette, Idaho; discussion, Dr. N. Mottler, La Grande, Oregon; "The Treatment of Chronic Colitis by Weirs' Appendicostomy," A. E. Rockey, M. D., Portland; discussion, Dr. C. P. Thomas, Astoria, Washington; "Some of the Common Methods of Communicable Disease," Dr. C. J. Smith of state board of health, Pendleton, Oregon; discussion, Dr. G. Patterson, Baker City; "Quarantining the Internal Generative Organs Against Puerperal Septic," R. C. Coffey, M. D., Portland; discussion, E. B. McDaniel, M. D., Baker City; "The Nauehm Baths in the Treatment of Diseases of the Heart, with Indications and Contra-Indications," Dr. Ed E. Maxey, Boise, Idaho; discussion, Dr. W. T. Fyfe, Hot Lake, Oregon; "The Prognosis in Surgical Cases, Internally treated," Remont, Dr. L. P. McCalla, Boise, Idaho; discussion, Dr. W. J. May, Baker City, Oregon; "Diet List for Nurses," Dr. J. A. Geisendorfer, The Dalles, Oregon.

CASE UNDER LOCAL OPTION AT LEBANON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., July 3.—E. M. Bressler of Lebanon has been arrested for selling liquor to minors in violation of the local option liquor law. He has given bond in the sum of \$500 for appearance at the regular October term of circuit court.

Bruno Holt Dies of Injuries.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chehalis, Wash., July 3.—The funeral of Bruno Holt, the victim of a sawmill accident at Napavine Friday, at the mill of the Newkum Mill company, was held here Monday. While working in the mill a slab struck him and knocked him into a cut-off saw, the blade splitting his abdomen. He lived for three days, despite his terrible injuries. His father at Berlin, Germany, has been advised of the accident. Holt was about 28 years of age and unmarried. So far as known he had no relatives in this country. He arrived at Napavine last week from Tacoma.

EIGHTY THOUSAND FOR HARD STREETS

Chehalis Council Has Improvement Spirit and Is Working Out Large Plan.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chehalis, Wash., July 3.—Almost an even \$80,000 worth of street improvements are contemplated in Chehalis if the present plans are fully carried out. The city council has laid on the table the protest of certain Cascade avenue property owners against the signing of the \$14,000 contract agreed on last week with Anderson & Robinson for the improvement of that thoroughfare. There were no protests against the brick paving on Market street and the ordinance was introduced. It is expected to pass at the next regular meeting. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$30,000. Market street is one of the main business streets of the city. A resolution was passed at the last meeting of the council for \$5,000 of macadamizing on Cascade avenue.

At the last meeting a blanket resolution was introduced for a big macadam district embracing all between the main line of the Northern Pacific and Market street, Park street to James street and some blocks in the city, most of which never heretofore improved. The estimated cost is \$30,000. The council is strongly inclined to put through the whole project.

Contracts for this work will likely be let in sections. It is not expected that there will be any serious opposition. The council passed the ordinance, under the new state law, providing for a commission of three to be named by the mayor. There is a cash subscription of about \$500 in the bank for the board to begin its work with. The ordinance provides for the city to also issue a new park fund—percent of all fines and licenses collected in the city.

Councilmen Leonard, St. John and further special committee members are to confer with the Centralia council regarding the franchise asked for by E. J. Weeks' company for an interurban trolley line between Chehalis and Tacoma parties.

RED MEN MEET AT NEWPORT NEXT YEAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newport, Or., July 3.—The Improved Order of Red Men, headed by the great sachem of the hunting grounds of Oregon and accompanied by the senior and junior sagamores, will meet in annual convention here July 5. The sessions will continue to and including July 15, July 10, 11 and 12 will be given to lodge work. The last three days will be spent on excursions and recreation at Nye Beach.

The Newport theatre will open tonight for the summer season with a high-class stock company, made up of some of the best stock actors on the coast, including various members of the Baker company of Portland. A series of stock plays will be produced during the season.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN INDIAN TITLES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., July 3.—Changes that mean much to the future of Pendleton and Umatilla county are now being made in land titles upon the reservation, and among the few who are informed as to the progress of events, much interest is being taken. During the past 60 days or more 69 Indians or mixed bloods holding allotments upon the reservation have applied for patents to their lands and it is now known that 25 or 30 applications have been granted. In the disposition of the land after patents are secured by the allottees the interest of the town and county.

It is reported that since the issuance of patents commenced much of the land involved has been secured by white men through long term leases.

PUSHING WORK ON WALLOWA BRANCH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Elgin, Or., July 3.—The O. R. & N. company has ordered 10,000 ties to be shipped at once to Elgin for the Wallowa branch. The company also accepted \$5,000 ties from F. D. McCully. The grade between Enterprise and Joseph will be completed in a few days. When the shipment of ties arrives everything will be in readiness to push track-laying in the steel for the bridges here already.

TEA

Will you buy of your grocer a pound of our tea, and go by the book in brewing it? Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we say him.

CONSUMERS' COAL STOCK WITH ITS COAL

Consumers' Coal Company Makes Unique Proposition in Sale of Shares.

GUARANTEES AGAINST LOSS

Official State That Sufficient Coal Is in Sight to Guarantee Every Share of stock.

One of the most unique stock-selling plans ever devised has been announced by the Consumers' Coal company. In a word, the company agrees to sell stock to the purchaser upon the condition that the stock will be redeemed in coal by the company any time that the buyer wishes. The company will allow full market value for the stock and agrees to sell the coal at the prevailing market price or lower. Therefore, if the one who buys the stock feels that it is worth more to him than the coal, he is at liberty, of course, to keep the former and buy his coal in the open market at the prevailing price.

Speaking of the plan yesterday D. L. Key, one of the directors of the Consumers' Coal company, and just elected president of the company, said: "It is equivalent to guaranteeing the stock purchaser against any possible chance for loss. We have the coal in such quantities that we would be able to guarantee every stockholder in the company, if every dollar's worth of stock had been issued. The idea of securing a stockholder's investment by giving him the actual product in which he is investing as collateral offers the most method of investment that could possibly be devised."

Progress on the work at the mines of the Consumers' Coal company has been made rapidly in the last few days. Three tunnels have now been developed into production. The three shifts of men in each tunnel will be put to work next week. That will make 37 men actually engaged in the production of coal for the Portland market. The average to a man is about five tons, making a total of nearly 180 tons a day that will be available for Portland consumption. This quantity is promised next week. At \$4 per ton this would mean a gross receipt of \$690 a day, increasing as the number of men and the enlargement of the rooms in the mine will admit.

J. C. Lee, secretary of the company, said yesterday that the last excursion that will be given by the Consumers' Coal company will be Sunday, July 15. This is not a general excursion, but will be given solely for the benefit of stockholders and their families. Those who purchase stock between now and that date will be entitled to go on the excursion, and will be urged to do so, as the company is desirous that each stockholder should keep in close touch with the development work that is going on at the mines.

The ties and steel for the tramway grade running from the main tunnel down to the banks of the Cowlitz river, will be laid soon. The cars, it is understood, were shipped to the mine yesterday and will be put on commission at once. The bunk houses, office, shops and other buildings of the company at the mine, all of which were in a sadly dilapidated condition a few weeks ago, left by the old Anchor Mining company, are all repaired and are now in first-class shape.

It was announced in the advertising of the company several days ago that there would soon be a rise in the price of the stock of the company. This was formally announced to be true yesterday at the office of the Commonwealth Trust company. Stock has hitherto been very freely sold at \$10 per share, par value, and the demand has been quite large. However, the present price will be raised to \$11 per share after Saturday, July 15, at 9 p. m. From that time on the stock will be raised in price \$1 a share every week.

The Consumers' Coal company is very sanguine over the success of the properties and this has led them to a state of comparative indifference as to the price of the stock. Certain it is that every statement that has been made by the company that it had coal and plenty of it, has been borne out by the facts. People who are expert judges of the value of coal properties have been invited to look the proposition over and have invariably returned, convinced of the profitability of the investment. The further action has been invited in distributing sacks of the coal free among the people of Portland as a test, backed up by a careful and very successful steam test at Vancouver, which demonstrated the strength to the claims of the company. Judging from the present outlook, Portland will suffer no coal famine this winter, as the mines of the Consumers' Coal company are said to contain sufficient for all ordinary needs. Preference will be given to stockholders, however, in the sale of coal, so that in the event of an unusual demand for coal and an inability to supply the same who have cast a portion of their lot with the company in its infancy will be taken care of first.

TO SHIP COAL JULY 15.

Coal Company Anticipates Its First Sale Several Weeks.

Far in advance of the time it promised to do so, the Consumers' Coal company, operating the mines on the Cowlitz river, states that it will be shipping coal to the city of Portland, either by barge or rail or steamboat, within two weeks. Of necessity, the quantity will be small, as the development work has not progressed to such a stage as will permit more than two or three men to work in one tunnel at the same time. It is sufficiently interesting to Portland, however, to know that the claims of this company are about to be made good.

When the Consumers' Coal company first announced the discovery of coal along the Cowlitz there were scores of people that smiled at the possibility of lignite coal so close to Portland. They said openly that such a thing was impossible and ridiculous. Slabwood dealers stated their position openly. Not stopping at a denial that there was coal along this river, they actually accused the Consumers' Coal company of insincerity. The opinion that Consumers' Coal company was a swindle was nothing but "stagnant money" gained previously by the first free excursion was given. Only 30 people attended and the inclement weather put a damper upon the entire trip.

Chartering a steamboat for the whole day and advertising liberally, the second excursion was a success. People all over the state and from adjoining states began to take notice. Stock was sold in a hurry without any effort. The coal was there; people saw it being mined; they were satisfied, and today there are those who scoffed at first but who are rejoicing that their fortune is about enough to have their minds changed.

All the time the stock of this company has been on the market the attitude of the company has been to sell no stock to any man or woman who had not first seen the property and investigated the coal deposits that are so plainly seen. Hence the excursions followed; other blocks of stock were sold. And while the financing of the company was going on, development work did not abate in the least. New leads were uncovered; better coal was found and larger quantities. Thus today the Consumers' Coal company really has a showing that justifies the officials in believing that the company will shortly become the greatest coal mining industry in the west.

COAL DIRECTOR TO MOVE TO CHEY.

D. L. Key, director in the Consumers' Coal company and recently elected president of the Commonwealth Trust company, is about to depart for Cheyenne. At the present time Mr. Key is residing at Perrydale, where he has lived all his life. He has very large interests in that place and would probably remain there were it not for the fact that his connection with the two companies above mentioned was rather far more of his time than the interests at home. Mr. Key is well known in Portland.

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PORTLAND AND SANDY RIVER ELECTRIC COMPANY (Inc)
Portland, Oregon, June 29th

Commonwealth Trust Company,
Fiscal Agents, Consumers Coal Co.
Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:-
On the first of a series of real hot days just passed, a sack containing 100 pounds of your coal was delivered to me. As we cook with gas I had no opportunity to test same until yesterday.

We have a large size Boynton steel dome furnace, the fire surface being 38 inches in diameter. In this your coal readily ignited with the use of a small amount of kindling and it burned readily and freely. I forgot to clean out the ash pit but it burned clean and left no cinders on the grates.

Although I closed the drafts tightly the coal burned well and diffused as much heat as any coal I have used. All of the coals I have used here have been of good quality but the prices have been extortionate, even before the advance of last winter.

Sixty pounds of coal burned twenty five hours leaving no clinkers. This with the large firebox taken into consideration is I think, a remarkable showing. If you will accept my order you may make the following delivery:
870 Garfield Ave. 10 tons coal. Before Sept 10th. 1907.

The only condition is that the price must not exceed that asked for Rock Springs, Wellington or Roslyn coal and that I will not be charged more than you ask other customers for your coal.

Trusting that your coal will hold out in quality and that the quantity will be sufficient to meet the needs of the local market I am,

Yours truly,
M. F. Donahae
Engr. Portland & Sandy River Electric Co.

HERE ARE FOUR MORE INTERESTING REPORTS:

After a thorough test of the coal from your mine, I find it to be a good clean burning coal and equal as a heat producer to any coal now on the Portland market. Will say also that it produces a comparatively small amount of ash and holds fire exceptionally well. T. W. TAYLOR, 1069 E. Alder.	Your favor to hand with free sample sack of coal. I have carefully tested same, both in my heater and cooking range, and found results very satisfactory. It burns clean, throwing out a good heat and reducing itself to ashes with but very little smoke. Cheerfully recommending it to the general public, I remain, JOHN B. TENNENT, 451 Everett St.	I have examined and given your coal a fair and impartial test and after comparison as to heat and lasting qualities, it is as good if not better than any soft coal I can find in this market. H. A. MAUTZ, 1041 E. Yamhill.	This is to certify that I received a sack of your coal and tried same only to find that it is a good average with the coal that I pay \$10 a ton for. GERMAN GRILL, Fifth and Couch.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS!

It will be of interest to all present stockholders in the Consumers Coal company, as well as to those who are contemplating an investment in the company, to know that this company will be pleased to redeem all stock that it has issued at any time upon demand of the holder in coal produced at the mines of the company at the prevailing market price. At the time of ordering coal for the winter supply any stockholder who so wishes may utilize his stock for this purpose. Coal will also be sold to the general public within a couple of weeks. Orders received from stockholders in the company will take precedence over the orders of others. The advantages gained by the purchase of stock in this company, therefore, are obvious. One cannot lose and is given a substantial collateral guarantee that means much to him. It is expected that the mines of the company will be shipping coal to Portland by July 15.

ONLY ONE MORE FREE EXCURSION TO THE MINES

The next free excursion to the properties of the company will be given Sunday, July 14. None but stockholders of the company and their families will be allowed. It will be a tour of inspection to note the progress that is being made in the work of development. Get your tickets at the office of the company as early as possible.

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