

# GRADES ARE TOO STEEP WILL FIGHT HARD FOR LOWER FREIGHT RATES

### Harmony of Policies Between Oregon and Washington—Hearings to Be Had Before Each Railroad Commission—Legal Pressure May Be Brought to Bear.

#### Those Who Assert Seattle Is Destined to Become the "New York of the Pacific Coast" Fail to Consider Radical Differences.

In an argument framed by Washington lumbermen to the interstate commerce commission protesting against the proposed increase of lumber freight rates to the east, the Washington lumbermen allege that Portland has a water grade haul and 13 routings, while Seattle and Tacoma have but two routings and are obliged to pay for lifting their products over 10 mountain summits, through the following tunnels: Stampede tunnel, 2,582 feet; Ellensburg, 1,618 feet; North Yakima, 1,075 feet; Spokane, 1,880 feet; Rathdrum, 2,212 feet; Ravalli, 2,714 feet; Arise, 3,029 feet; Evergreen, 3,141 feet; Harrison, 4,343 feet; Silver Bow, 5,342 feet.

By way of the Great Northern the routing from Blaine, Washington, and that section of the country to Pocatello and eastern points necessitates hauling the lumber over summits that have the following lifts: Cascade tunnel, 3,341 feet, dropping down to Cashmere at an elevation of 787 feet, and up again to Spokane, 1,880 feet; down to Umatilla at 300 feet, and up to Pendleton at 1,070 feet.

#### FEDERAL ATTORNEY VISITING IN CITY

Oscar Lawler of Southern California, Who Prosecuted Land Grifters, Is in Portland.

Oscar Lawler, United States attorney for the southern district of California, is at the Oregon hotel in company with Mrs. Lawler. They are on their way to Seattle, where they will visit for a week. Mr. Lawler prosecuted the land fraud cases against California defendants who were indicted for perverting government public lands in Curry and Coos counties, Oregon, when they endeavored to resist removal to Oregon for trial. Two of the defendants, Dr. H. H. Hedderly and Richard Himes, fell down in their appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals and were in Portland several months ago, when they deposited bail in the sum of \$4,000 each for their appearance when their cases are called for trial.

#### WOULD FORCE CONCERN INTO BANKRUPTCY

Involuntary Petition Filed in Federal Court by Creditors Against Eastern Candy Works.

Alleging intent to defraud, the Northrop & Sturgis company, the National Biscuit company and Johnson-Lieber, filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the Eastern Candy Works to recover alleged debts in the sum of \$849.90, in the United States district court this morning. The petition sets forth that the candy company has been bankrupt for a period of more than four months and alleges that it committed an act of bankruptcy when its vice-president, P. G. F. Allen, placed a chattel mortgage on its stores at 349 and 469 Washington street, June 19, with the intent to hinder, delay and defraud the creditor companies named in the petition.

#### Building Permits.

Catherine McLaughlin, one-story dwelling, Montana avenue between Simpson and Jurett, \$400; Beneke & Hauser, shed, Killingsworth avenue between Commercial and Kirby, \$200; Oro Swing Co., shop, Hawthorne between Grand avenue and East Sixth, \$200; Swedish Lutheran church, church building, Stanton between Rodney avenue and Union avenue, East Twenty-eighth and East Twenty-ninth, \$50; J. C. Wren, two-story dwelling, East Eleventh between Hancock and Tillamook, \$4,000; Mrs. J. Montgomery, one-story dwelling, Mission between Edmore and Mason, \$50; Y. W. S. Y. M. C. A., concrete for basement, Taylor between Smith and Seventh, \$4,000; E. W. Reder, two-story dwelling, Washington between West Thirty-fifth and East Thirty-seventh, \$1,800.

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Entire harmony of policies prevails between the states of Oregon and Washington on the issue of lower freight rates by the railroad companies. Action has been heard in both states, and will soon be heard by their respective railway commissions, with a view of bringing legal pressure to bear upon the existing high rates, both on wheat from the interior and commodities distributed from tidewater to the interior.

#### Simultaneous Action.

In Oregon the movement has been started by the Portland chamber of commerce, in the interest of the entire state. In Washington the complaint originated in Riverville, a wheat shipping center, in the form of a monster petition to the railway commission for a lowering of the wheat rates. The Washington commission decided to prepare itself to fully meet the arguments of the railway attorneys, and accordingly set to work with H. P. Gillette and a large staff of railway engineers and accountants, to arrive at the value of the railroad properties and from these values secure a basis for rates.

Gillette is the auburn-haired and hot tempered young man who acted as the Spokane mascot in the interstate commerce hearing held in Portland some weeks ago. He is a thorough student of railroad construction and operation. The railroad engineers say he is a theorist altogether and does not know the practical side of construction and operation. The work undertaken by Mr. Gillette will be completed next month. He has already put in a large part of his testimony as to railroad values, and September the hearing will be resumed for the double purpose of allowing him to complete his direct examination, and giving the railroad attorneys an opportunity to cross-examine him.

#### Vast Amount of Labor.

Mr. Gillette's investigations have involved a vast amount of labor. With a corps of more than a dozen assistants he has gone into the offices of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company in Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Portland and St. Paul, and has obtained all possible information from the books and files of the various companies. Construction right of way values, money expended in permanent improvements and betterments, value of equipment, rolling stock, etc.

In addition to this, every foot of rail-

way in the state has been personally inspected by Mr. Gillette's assistant engineers, and where figures were not available from the books of the company as to cost or value, the engineers have cross-sectioned the line of railway itself, hundreds of miles of track having been covered in this way.

#### Statisticians at Work.

During the past three months a force of statisticians in the employ of the commission has been at work in the offices of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific in St. Paul, segregating the earnings of the railroads of this state on business, state and interstate, as well as ascertaining the operating expenses on business, state and interstate. All this work has been done in accordance with the United States supreme court decision in what is known as the Nebraska case of Smyth vs. Ames. In that case the supreme court declared just what must be done by a railroad commission in laying the foundation for rate reduction of railroad freight rates. The railroads, declared the United States supreme court, are entitled to fair returns on their investments, including cost of construction, cost of reproduction or present value of their properties which are necessary for carrying on the public business.

All of the items enumerated, and more besides, as laid down by the supreme court requirement, have been fully covered in the investigation carried on for the past year by Engineer Gillette and his assistants. One of the knotty problems which the investigation has had to face in its valuation investigation, has been that of right of way and terminal values in the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane.

#### Experts Are Employed.

Four expert right of way men, who have been in the employ of the railroads for several years past, were employed by the commission, and personally valued every foot of right of way owned by the railroads in this state. On the question of terminal values in the cities, however, the commission employed reputable real estate and business men in each of the three principal cities of the state, to fix these terminal values.

The October hearing will be of vital interest to the railroads, as well as to the shippers of the state. It is expected to last from 30 to 60 days, and it is of course problematical whether it will end with the order made by the railroad commission as to rates. It may be carried to the highest courts in the state, and probably will be if radical freight rate reductions are ordered.

## PORTLAND ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVITED TO TILLAMOOK FAIR

Special invitation has been given the Portland Commercial club, the chamber of commerce, board of trade and all other organizations to attend the Tillamook county fair and street carnival August 22 to 24, inclusive. C. E. Reynolds, a member of the Tillamook committee, is in Portland today, and is urging these bodies to organize a large joint delegation to go to Tillamook August 21.

#### PUBLIC'S SAFETY WAS DISCUSSED

Joint Meeting of Railroad Commission and State Board of Health.

Measures for the protection of the traveling public were discussed at a special joint meeting of the state railroad commission and the state board of health yesterday at Salem. All members of both boards were present and plans were discussed for the drafting of laws to compel railroads to observe cleanliness and adopt measures to protect those who travel on trains within the state of Oregon from infectious diseases.

The meeting yesterday was merely to discuss a mode of action after which the two boards will act separately. The next regular quarterly meeting of the board of health will probably occur at Portland in October at which time it has been decided rules will be devised and submitted to the railroad commission for their approval and adoption.

The railroad commission has already issued some regulations pertaining to health but which are considered too broad and general by the health board. The rules provide that passenger cars and waiting-rooms of the state must be kept clean, well ventilated, heated and lighted and supplied with drinking water; that suitable toilets must be provided and maintained; that ticket offices must be opened 30 minutes before all trains arrive and they must be kept open if trains are delayed until the late train has arrived. Waiting-rooms at junctions must be kept open if trains are coming where passengers must transfer and these stations must be kept lighted at night.

#### The Right Change.

Change from the ordinary summer shirts to the Cluett and Star brands that are on special sale this week at Robinson & Co's, 288 Washington.

representative Portland delegation may be formed to make the trip this month and see the country. The Tillamook annual fair last year was a great success and was attended by many people from Portland, Astoria and other places. It will be held this year on a larger scale than ever before. On the second day of the carnival the big feature will be a "skidoo clambake," which means a clam bake. A large steam dredger in charge of Captain Grote will gather the clams for the bake.

#### SWEET SINGERS ARE HOME AGAIN

Members of Columbia Singing Club Pleased With Success at San Francisco.

Members of the Columbia Singing club, which organization represented Portland at the convention of the United Swedish singers on the Pacific coast at San Francisco during the week ending last Tuesday, have returned more than pleased with the treatment received at the hands of the Californians. They were to have returned on the ill-fated steamship Columbia, but rather than to wait for the substitute boat, came home by train.

Several hundred singers attended the convention and participated in the grand concert, at which Madam Norelli, of this city, was the soloist. The concert was a magnificent success with an attentive audience, as was the outing at Shellmound park, where approximately 6,000 people assembled to hear the chorus, formed for the occasion by the visiting singers and the two San Francisco societies.

The Oakland chamber of commerce entertained the singers, showing them the city from a train of special cars. The mayor of Mills City volunteered to act as guide on the trip to Mount Tamalpais and did much to make the trip to the mountain most pleasant. The San Franciscans have a warm spot in their hearts for the people of Portland, said one of the returning singers this morning, in speaking of the reception given them at Mills City, "because of the assistance rendered at the time of the disastrous fire. One hears everywhere a good word for Portland and her citizens. We were certainly splendidly entertained during our stay there, the most notable event outside of the concert being an elaborate banquet at the Fairmount hotel. We were also entertained by the Norwegian singing societies of San Francisco." The next convention will be held at Seattle during the fair.

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#### Prints Nothing but the Truth.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Aug. 6.—Governor Mead in receipt of a copy of the initial number of the Cherry Tree and Hatchet, a monthly publication, issued for the benefit and amusement of the officers and crew of the armored cruiser Washington. The periodical is in pamphlet form, containing 16 pages and is covered by news and editorial comment of interest to the navy. The Cherry Tree and Hatchet is printed and published by Allen & McDonnell, Washington and has for its direct pat-

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Pete Nelson's Body Found.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., Aug. 6.—The body of Pete Nelson, a fisherman, who was drowned about two weeks ago, was found Sunday badly decomposed at Marby Island. Coroner Pohl, after establishing identity and all the circumstances of the case, caused the body to be buried yesterday.

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