

RAILROADS RESTRAINED

Federal Court Issues Order Citing Hill and Harriman Lines to Show Cause Why New Lumber Rate Should Not Be Enjoined.

All railroad companies in the state of Oregon shipping lumber over their line to eastern points have been cited to appear in the United States Circuit court in Portland, October 23, and show cause why they should not be restrained from putting into effect the new lumber rate scheduled to become effective November 1. This order was issued late yesterday afternoon by Judge Wolverton after considering the petition for an injunction filed by the law firm of Teal & Minor, Thomas G. Greene and A. B. Winfree in behalf of the lumbermen of the northwest.

Hill and Harriman Combine.

The petition filed yesterday is a most important one and its settlement will have much to do with the future of the lumber industry in the northwest. It charges in brief that the Hill and Harriman lines operating out of Portland and other northwest shipping points have combined in the arbitrary establishment of freight rates on lumber through the agency of the Transcontinental Freight bureau at Chicago and have announced an unwarranted increase in lumber tariffs to become effective November 1.

Two States Represented.

The lumber producing companies joining in the suit compose practically all such organizations now doing business in the states of Oregon and Washington, while the defendants are composed of all the railroads doing a freight business from northwest to eastern points. The lumbermen petitioners are: Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers association, Eastern & Western Lumber company, The Curtis Lumber company, Clark & Wilson Lumber company, Portland Lumber company, Peninsula Lumber company, North Pacific Lumber company, Bridal Veil Lumbering company and the Stanley-Smith Lumber company. The defendant railroad companies are: The Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation, Southern Pacific, Oregon & California and Corvallis & Eastern, designated as the "Harriman lines," and the Great Northern, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Northern Pacific and the Astoria & Columbia river, called the "Hill lines."

It is shown by the figures of the proposed new tariff that an increase of 10 cents a hundred on the Denver, St. Paul & Chicago territory, an increase of 7 1/2 cents to the St. Louis territory and of 5 cents to the Missouri territory will be effected by the new rate. It is charged that these rates have been fixed without any regard for the right of the plaintiffs or the public and that their enforcement means great detriment and absolute damage to the lumber industry of the northwest. It is alleged that should they be enforced it would result in the abandonment of many of the mills now operating. It would also bar through excessive cost of transportation the northern west from the eastern market, where it is now going in competition with eastern lumber.

Affects 100,000 Persons.

The petitioners show that there are more than \$60,000,000 invested by the lumbermen not counting the standing timber owned by them. More than 60,000 people are directly connected with the business and the payroll is practically \$30,000,000 annually. More than 100,000 people are indirectly dependent upon the industry.

The annual output of the mills is estimated at 2,000,000,000 feet of lumber, while the freight now paid on shipments annually approximates \$12,000,000, this estimate being based on 600,000 feet of lumber or about 30,000 carloads. The value of this lumber is estimated at \$30,000,000.

An enforcement of the new tariff would mean an increase of \$50 on each cord of lumber and \$36 on each car of shingles shipped to the east. It is claimed that the enforcement of the new rate would mean the serious demoralization of the lumber market and the confiscation of the properties of many of the companies.

Opening of Harrisburg Schools.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Harrisburg, Or., Oct. 9.—The Harrisburg schools opened Monday with a fair attendance. The teachers are: E. F. Cooper, principal; Mrs. F. F. Cooper, seventh and eighth grades; Miss Lillie Hughes, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Carrie Martin, third and fourth grades; Miss Belle Wilson, first and second grades. Harrisburg is proud of her schoolhouse, built in 1905, at a cost of over \$3,000. The building is one that would be a credit to a much larger place.

A MOST WORTHY ARTICLE.

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PRESBYTERIANS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Many Distinguished Churchmen at Meeting of Portland Presbytery.

HOLD CHURCH'S BEST INTERESTS AT HOME

Want Home Missionary Work Prosecuted Independently of Board of Home Missions—Denounce Vice in Hopfields of Northwest.

Greatest interest in Presbyterian church affairs centers today in the meeting being held this afternoon by the Portland Presbytery at the First church, Twelfth and Alder streets. Distinguished churchmen hold that general local prosperity is such that the best interests of Oregon Presbyterians would be observed if home missionary work is prosecuted in the future independent of the board of home missions.

This is the important matter being discussed this afternoon with the end in view of securing church legislation which will make it possible hereafter to retain missionary money collected for home work in the Portland district for that specific use, instead of first sending it to the home board, there to be distributed according to general demands.

Money for Local Work.

There are 13 self-supporting churches in Portland Presbytery, and the general consensus of opinion is that with money raised for local work retained for such purposes greater efforts will be put forth to increase home missionary work. Sessions of the synod of Oregon begin tomorrow evening at the Third Presbyterian church, east side, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a Sunday school conference at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Vice in Hopfields.

At the Sellwood church yesterday Rev. John M. Ferguson, Presbyterial Sunday school missionary, in his report to the Portland Presbytery, told without mincing words how vice flourished in the big hopfields of Oregon. Mr. Ferguson stated without reserve that the trail of the serpent is plainly seen in every row of vines. He contends that young girls are in constant danger and dance halls are operated as a lure to the innocent.

The report provoked discussion, but in the main it was held that the salient points were true. A committee to investigate, with power to formulate plans to alter conditions, was appointed.

Want Dr. Holt to Remain.

It was decided to make an effort to retain Rev. Dr. W. S. Holt, D. D., field secretary of the home missionary board. A resolution was passed asking that his place of residence be changed from San Francisco to Portland.

Seaman Is Chosen.

Grand Ronde district chose Rev. S. W. Seaman of Huntington moderator, and southern Oregon chose Rev. John E. Day of Woodville in a similar capacity. No new members were received or dismissed at either session. Devotional exercises and sermons were the order of the sessions.

ST. JOHNS PREPARES FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Preparations were made last night by the city council of St. Johns for the special election petitioned for by the people January 6, at which time the new charter will be adopted or rejected.

DEFENDANT LEVANTS; LANDLORD AWARDED \$20

A voluble landlord of the German type and a ponderous dusky defendant, whom the landlord accused of levanting from a Vancouver lodging house, afforded entertainment for a jury in Judge Gantenbein's department yesterday. I. Dautoff, the landlord, unrolled the details until his attorney was in despair and exclaimed to the court: "Possibly your honor can stop him, but can't."

The large proportions of Ada Wilson, the dark-skinned defendant, were lightened by an immense pair of earrings that gave reminder of comic paper cartoon. Dautoff asked for \$40 on appeal from the lower court, where the defendant won. The jury awarded him \$20.

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The dairy commissioner has attended fairs in Tillamook county, Umatilla county, Union county, Coos county, Washington county, Marion county and Klamath county. Today Mr. Bailey goes to Wasco county and after attending that fair and one in Clackamas and Multnomah counties each, he expects the fair season will be over. Little time has been left to attend to other duties since July, except to be present at agricultural fairs over the state.

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MRS. PALMER LIKES OREGON WEATHER

And Refuses to Discuss Differences Between Capitalists and Laboring Men.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago, and party left this morning for the east. They arrived last evening from Eugene and stayed at the Hotel Portland. From her appearance the trip to Oregon has been one of pleasure and much benefit to the society leader. Mrs. Palmer looked better than she did when she arrived here three weeks ago.

"How do you like Oregon?" a Journal reporter asked the visitor. "Look outside at that weather, the sunshine, and the atmosphere, if you can see it," replied Mrs. Palmer, "Can you beat it?"

Then the reporter queried himself—he said something about society, followed closely with a question how the society leader enjoyed the work undertaken some time ago of settling disputes between the laboring man and woman and the capitalists. Mrs. Palmer was willing to converse about the weather. The reporter wanted her views on some other subject.

"James, my suit case to the carriage. Good-bye," and Mrs. Potter Palmer had gone to catch the early train for the east.

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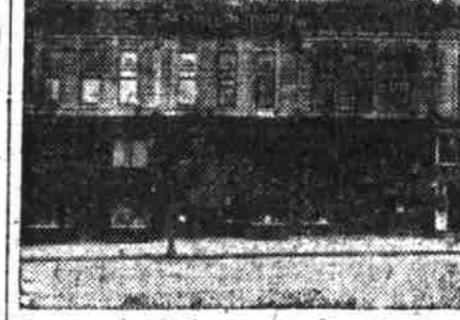
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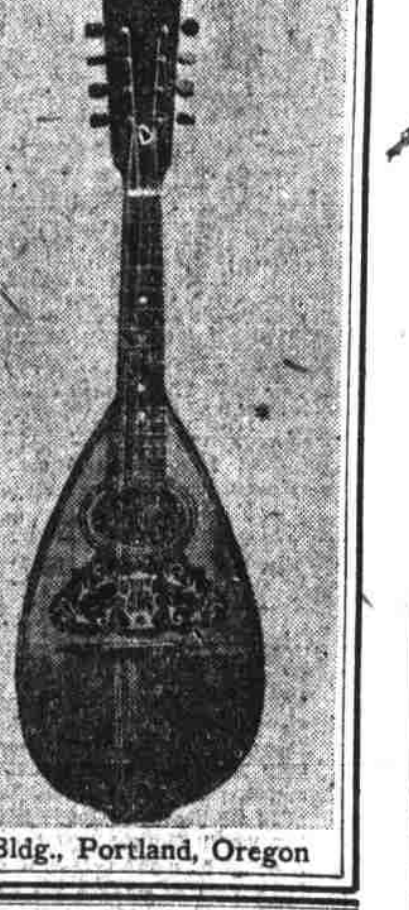
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