EXPRESS PROFITS TO BE LEARNED

Railroad Commission Demands Figures From Wells-Fargo Co.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—A mass of documentary evidence was submitted yesterday in the hearing being held before the railroad commission at Salem to determine the reasonableness of rates charged in this state by Wells Fargo & Co. All the evidence was of a nature to show that the rates in Oregon are excessive when compared with rates in other states.

Conditions brought out at the hearing are similar to those revealed at the hearing of the Pacific Express company a week or so ago. The latter operates on the O. R. & N. and Wells Fargo operates on the Southern Pacific.

The Wells Fargo Express company must show the amount of its receipts from business within the state of Oregon and the approximate amount of its expenses properly chargeable to business within the state. This was emphatically declared by members of the railroad commission at the hearing of the complaint of B. F. Jones of Independence yesterday. Whether this showing must be made in the case now pending or will be required in a case which the commission will conduct on its own motion, has not been decided. The commission is determined to know what profit the company is making on Oregon business.

Jones introduced a mass of documentary evidence, showing what rates are charged by the company in this state and that lower rates are charged in other states. This was the substance of the plaintiff's case.

Attorney Wallace McCamant, for the company moved to dismiss the case upon the ground that it had not been shown that conditions of traffic were similar in this and other states, and consequently that the evidence did not tend to prove that rates are exorbitant here. Mr. McCamant and Attorney C. W. Stockton, the latter counsel for the company in New York, contended that the burden rests upon complainant to point out which rates are excessive and prove them so.

Commissioner Oswald West suggested that the company had the only document that would conclusively settle this point and that the commission would like to have the evidence. "If your rates are reasonable your records will show it," West remarked.

Attorney C. L. McNary, representing Jones, contended that the plaintiff had made a prima-facie case and that it is now for the company to show that its rates are reasonable. The question of burden of proof was argued quite extensively, and this is the issue on the motion to dismiss. The commission took the matter under advisement while the evidence can be examined and the facts already proven can be ascertained.

One of the important disclosures at the hearing was the statement by one of the Wells Fargo officials that the regulations of the interstate commerce commission had compelled the company to employ 200 additional clerks in the auditing department. Mr. Stockton declared that if state regulations require the company to keep separate accounts of state and interstate business, large increases in the bookkeeping force must be made, and the additional expense will necessitate an advance of express rates.

NORDICA'S SONG STOPPED HAMMERS

When Madame Nordica, whose appearance here Thursday evening, December 10, is the all important topic of conversation in local music circles, was studying La Gioconda at St. Moritz, Switzerland, 100 Italian workmen were busy building a great hotel at the foot of the cliff below the hotel where she was stopping. The windows on the balcony were open, and as she sang to piano accompaniment the sound of her voice floated out on the still air. No sooner did the workmen catch the melody than the hammers were instantly stopped, and from her balcony the foreman could be seen violently gesticulating, urging them back to their labors. But more often than not he was unsuccessful. The music loving sons of Italy refrained from the stroke of the hammer until the aria was ended.

The concert is under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman and the sale of seats opens Tuesday, December 8, at the Heilig.

ROBBER AT HILTS GETS $500 IN CASH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Ashland, Or., Dec. 1.—News has just reached here that a lone robber lined up the barkeeper and two other men in a saloon at Hilts, near the California state line, shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday evening and secured $500 in cash from the till and from the person of Lawrence Brown, the barkeeper, besides over $700 in pay checks cashed at the saloon recently for employes of a lumber company and grading concern, contracting on the Southern Pacific in the vicinity.

The saloon is located just south of the state line and three quarters of a mile from the big lumber mill of the Northern California company, at Hilts. The Atlas Grading & Construction company has a camp nearby employing a large force of men engaged in filling in the big Bailey Hill trestle on the south side of the Siskiyous.

NAME EMPLOYMENT BUREAU HEAD SOON

The free employment bureau committee of the city met yesterday and selected four names from which Mayor Lane will appoint the secretary of the bureau which is to open at the city hall tomorrow. One of the following will be the mayor's choice: Mrs. A. Grant, J. A. Carr, P. McDonald and Richard Heimbach.

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ATTACKS FIGURES USED BY ANTI-PROHIBITION FORCES

Portland, Nov. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—Now that the heart burnings of the campaign are over and nothing but the aftermath left, I would crave your indulgence in granting me space to give a "reason for the faith that is in me."

I do this for several reasons. One is the attack made upon the Prohibition party by the "Anti-Saloon" wing of the anti-liquor forces of the nation, but more especially on account of the lack of information shown in editorials of all our city papers. Your own paper takes editorial grounds against national prohibition, or even state prohibition, though not in an acrimonious or heated manner.

This liquor question is in fact the great question of the country. It levies a tax upon the people of this country of $2,275,000,000 per year, almost equalling all the revenue of all the railroads of the country; in excess of the price of all the grain raised by the farmer, and when we stop to consider that every penny of it is worse than wasted by the spender, we see that it is a direct loss. And more, the indirect loss is fully as great and together they constitute the great cause of "underconsumption" of other products of the country and thereby retard to a fearful extent the prosperity of the country.

The excuse for it is two fold. One by the weak kneed that "it has always been and always will be," and the other a matter of revenue.

The first excuse is puerile. Polygamy "always was" at one stage of the world's history as well as many other iniquities now forbidden by law.

The matter of revenue seems to catch more people and to that I wish to call attention. Take the license state of Pennsylvania. The total payments to state, counties, cities, large and small, and all other subdivisions was $5,561,231, with a population of 6,900,000, or 80c per capita, or $3.60 per family or 1 cent per day per family. That is the revenue the state of Pennsylvania would lose if the liquor traffic died. Can one conceive a soul so small that they would prefer to have the ravage of the liquor traffic rather than pay 1 cent per day for his own family that they and their neighbors might be freed from this curse?

Take Missouri on the same tables and the revenue is 74 cents per annum per capita or .009 cent per family per day. Illinois runs higher, being $1.05 per annum per capita and .013 cent per day per family. This is the boasted revenue, as compiled by the census bureau report on "Wealth, Debt and Taxation," pages 990, 991 et seq.

Take it another way. The total receipts of the state of Pennsylvania are $100,198,452, of which liquor pays $5,561,231, or 5½ per cent. In Missouri the percentage runs to 11½ per cent, and in Illinois not quite 8 per cent. The total expense of the National government and all state, county and city governments was $1,656,000,000, or about two thirds of the direct cost of the liquor traffic to the people of this country.

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The national government is winner from liquor revenue, but how about the states with their subdivisions? Let us see. Take that same census report. In the same volume we find five items of expense of each state. Expenses fairly chargeable to the liquor traffic, by the testimony of court decisions, officials, superintendents, doctors in charge and other qualified persons: "Law offices and accounts," one half; "Courts," two thirds; "Police," one half; "Protection to life and property," one quarter; "Charities," one half; "Insane," one third; "Penal institutions," two thirds.

We find in the same volume, pages 988-999, that liquor's share in the expenses of these three states we have dealt with is as follows: Pennsylvania $9,908,226, Missouri $3,665,409, Illinois $6,673,095. So that in all three of these states the liquor burden for 1902 wiped out the revenue and left a deficit. It is undoubtedly the same in every other license state.

The whole propaganda of the liquor traffic to frighten the people is false. Take the posters which adorned the state last summer, regarding the purchases of the liquor traffic from the farmer. They claimed that the destruction of the liquor traffic would bankrupt the farmer. Right here I want to make the contention that if what the farmer sold to the liquor traffic to be consumed as wet goods had been sold to be consumed as food it would not have begun to supply the demand which it did supply when reduced to alcohol. But to get back to government statistics. The census bureau reports that the purchases from the farmers by the liquor traffic amounted to $45,146,285 while the farmer sold to all buyers $7,412,000 or reduced to percentages, the liquor traffic was a purchaser of farm products to the extent of .0064, or while others bought $99.36 from the farmer the liquor traffic bought $.64.

And so the story runs on. In your own case I am fully convinced your position is taken through lack of information which comes from lack of investigation, I say this even though I see liquor advertisements in your paper and though I believe that many papers take the stand they do on account of the revenue they themselves derive from the traffic.

If anyone doubts the blessings of prohibition go to McMinnville or Eugene, and inquire, any place where they have prohibition and an honest official. Or even sit in your sanctum and figure out what it would mean to the country if this $2,275,000 was turned into the channels of legitimate trade. Distilled liquors that retail for $100 pay to labor $1.61, all liquors together do not pay, out of each $100 the sum of $5 to labor. The legitimate products of mankind, as boots and shoes, furniture, etc., etc., pay about $25 to labor from each $100 on an average. To switch over would do more for the country than even the great and holy Republican party promises.

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But someone says why take this into politics, it is a moral question and calls for pledge signing. Yes, it is a moral question and especially so for the voter, but it is a political question as well. It is in politics. The liquor traffic has no right per se to exist. It can only exist when permitted to by law. That is why it carries the Republican party in one pocket and the Democratic party in the other. That is why Mr. Bryan was able to announce, before either convention was held, that neither of the great parties would make mention of it in their platforms, the liquor traffic was in politics and it was in politics on the basis that parties govern, it was not wasting its time running around interviewing individuals, it went to headquarters and "fixed" the party.

But my anti-saloon friend says we work in the wrong way and his way is the right way, and I guess most of them believe it and for the same reason that we get such editorials as we do, superficial knowledge.

Our form of government is one of parties. Nothing is carried through and executed, except by parties. The anti-saloon man points you to the fact (?) that 40,000,000 of the population of the country and over half of the territory is even now under prohibition and I reply by asserting that there is not one foot of prohibition territory in the United States. There is not one lone spot in the country where my "anti" friend can go and hide himself away that the National government does not say that I may go into the next state and ship to anyone who will buy, all the liquor I choose. There is not one spot so large as a city lot, in this whole country that is under prohibition. The temperance committee of the Methodist church endeavored to defeat a man who is largely to blame for this, and a bishop—Bishop Hamilton—of that church (if we are to believe the press reports) hurried into print to confuse their work. And the liquor traffic and the good bishop won out. But if they had defeated the "man" they were after, the party in whose interest he works would have raised up another champion.

Our "square deal" president has been importuned to send a message to congress requesting that the nation be fair to the states and withdraw its protection from the outsider who is defying the local police laws. But he is a party man and was deaf to the cry. The Republican party claims to be the only party which ever did anything for temperance. Ohio is a Republican state and has constitutional prohibition and a "tax" law. They would not license any more than the general government, that would be iniquitous, but they "tax" the traffic. Iowa is a Republican state and has statutory prohibition and they have the "mulct" law. The Democratic party has always been "as a party" against "sumptuary" legislation.

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This traffic will never be destroyed except by a party. The supreme folly of the anti-saloon method is shown in the matter of Mr. Cannon. When they get ready to fight him they find him backed by a party which they have helped to build up and are at the very time in large part supporting while they have to fight alone and against work they are in part sustaining and a machine which they have helped to make strong.

Time is bound to settle this question right, for no question is ever settled till it is settled right, and the whole world is alive on this subject. Even Finland has passed a national prohibition law which only awaits the approval of the czar, and we are as intelligent as Finland, though not so patriotic.

This may be too long for publication, but if our editors would but inform themselves, fairness and honesty would compel them to antagonize this home destroyer, and their higher political judgment would help to enlighten the well meaning ones who now grope in the dark. Yours very truly,

E. J. JOHNSON.

Notaries Commissioned.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to G. A. Webb, Silverton, and Kate Wolbert, Wilsonville.

U. S. VIOLATES ITS OWN LAW

State Inspector Says Safety Appliance Law Ignored at the Navy Yard.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 1.—State Railroad Inspector Perley has announced that as a result of his investigation into conditions at the Puget Sound navy yard he is satisfied that the United States government is violating in a flagrant manner the safety appliance laws, under which it has in the last few years collected hundreds of dollars in fines from other railroads. Perley says he can not interfere because the alleged defective cars are being operated on government property.

The flat cars at the navy yard, he says, have neither power brakes nor hand brakes, and the only way to control them is to rely on the locomotive brakes. This is contrary to the federal law, which demands that all trains shall be equipped with enough power brakes to enable the engineer to control the speed of the train without it being necessary to set the hand brakes. The cars also lack impact couplers, which are also required under the laws.

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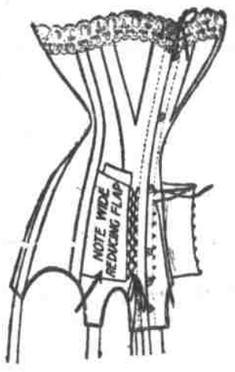

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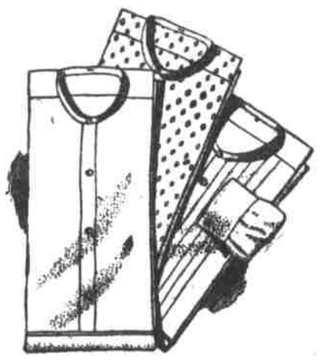

Men's Furnishings

SHIRTS—Manhattan, Cluett, Star and Earl & Wilson high grade shirts.....$1.50 to $3.00

NECKWEAR—Keiser and our "Exclusive Lines" of fashionable neckwear, all shapes, styles and leading colors. 50¢ to $3

SWEATER JACKETS—Jaeger's, very finest pure wool Sweater Jackets; blue, red, gray and white; finest garment made. $6.50

HANDKERCHIEFS—Large assortment, all grades of silk and linen Handkerchiefs, all width borders; linen Handkerchiefs, 25¢ up; silk Handkerchiefs, 50¢ up.

GLOVES—Dent's, Fownes' and Perrin's, tan and gray shades, pair .....$2.00 and $2.50

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An Extraordinary SILK SALE

Do your silk buying now and at this sale. Almost unlimited assortments of the season's most favored weaves, styles and colorings are here shown and the values in this sale are most extraordinary. Below we mention a few of the weaves but you must see this great showing to fully appreciate the beauty and value of the offerings.

New Swivel Messalines, new Pun Jab Novelties, new Jacquard Novelties, new Printed Warp Messalines, new Pompadour Messalines, new Persian Taffetas, new Shadow Striped Messalines, new Novelty Louissines, new fancy striped, checked and figured Taffetas, new Gunmetal Novelties, new Scotch Plaids, yard-wide black Taffeta Silk, 23-inch black Gros Grain, 21-inch black Armure, 21-inch genuine black Mummy Silk, 26-inch black French Taffetas, new Shower-Proof Foulards, etc.

Reg. $1.25 to $1.75 Grades at 89c a Yard

IT'S THE SEASON'S GREATEST SILK SALE, consisting of a remarkable purchase of beautiful and fashionable silks at about half price. Silks of many kinds and silks for all purposes are in this sale, imported and domestic weaves, exclusively high grade and scarcely any two pieces alike in the entire collection; with not a single poor style, or undesirable color included. Those who have silk buying to do should not overlook this wonderful sale.

SIX GREAT SPECIALS IN OUTING FLANNEL WEAR

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS, REGULAR 85c VALUES 65¢

A nice assortment of women's outing flannel Gowns, made of good heavy quality pink or blue striped outing flannel, neatly trimmed yoke; gowns are made good full length and generous width; regular 85c values, specially priced for tomorrow, each 65c

OUTING FLANNEL SKIRTS, REGULAR 75c VALUES, 58¢

A fine line of women's Skirts, made of extra heavy twilled outing flannel or daisy cloth; they come in solid colors; pink, blue and white, or neat striped effect; gowns are made good full length and have deep flounce with scalloped edge finished with silk overstitch; regular 75c values, special for tomorrow 58c

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS, $1.25 VAL., 89¢

A line of women's Gowns, made of heavy quality outing flannel in the neat pink and blue striped effect; collar and cuffs neatly trimmed to match; gowns are made good full length and generous width; regular $1 and $1.25 values, specially priced for this sale..... 89c

CHILDREN'S GOWNS, SPECIALLY PRICED, 48¢

A nice line of children's Gowns, made of good heavy quality outing flannel, in plain white, or neat pink and blue striped effect; these gowns are for children from 2 to 12 years of age, are neatly trimmed and are made good full length and generous widths; regular values to 75c, special for tomorrow..... 48c

WOMEN'S DRAWERS, 50c VALUE, 35¢

A line of women's Drawers, made of good quality outing flannel in the neat pink and blue stripes, trimmed with lace and hemstitched tucks; regular 50c values, special for tomorrow.... 35c

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS, $1.75 VAL., $1.25

A showing of women's Gowns, made of the best quality outing flannel, solid colors, white, pink and blue or in the neat pink and blue stripes; yoke and cuffs, neatly trimmed with embroidery; all of these gowns are made extra full width and length; regular $1.50 and $1.75 values, special for tomorrow $1.25

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Complete assortments to choose from at most reasonable prices.

AMERICAN PRINTS AT 5¢

At this price you have choice of hundreds of yards best American prints, shown in all styles and colors.

NEW PERCALES AT 10¢

Standard quality Percales in a large assortment of dots, stripes and figures in medium and dark colors; special value at this price.

VELOUR FLANNELS AT 15¢

Splendid quality Velour Flannels in a great variety of attractive styles suitable for wrappers, kimonos, etc.; all this season's goods.

BORDERED FLANNELETTE AT 15¢

Heavy bordered Flannelette for kimonos and wrappers; they come in neat figures and stripes with Persian and flowered borders for trimming.

NEW FLANNELETTES AT 10¢

A sale of over 5,000 yards of new Flannelettes in medium and dark colors; all new styles; regular 12½c grade.

NOVELTY SUITINGS AT 15¢

A splendid winter weight fabric, impervious to rain and dampness; comes in dark colors, navy, red, brown, green and black grounds with neat figures, stripes and dots.

OUTING FLANNEL AT 10¢

New Outing Flannels of best standard quality; shown in all styles and colors; special value at this price.

Exceedingly Great Values in Fine Woolen
BLANKETS

Now it's "Blanket time." And surely every blanket wish within the range of reason may be gratified here. Hundreds and hundreds of big, warm blankets here from which to select. We can name only a few of the special values—just a hint.

WOOL BLANKETS, $4.50 VALUES $3.50

A special sale of dark gray and silver gray Blankets of excellent quality, full 10-4 size, warm and durable; regular $4.50 values, priced for this sale at..... $3.50

WOOL BLANKETS AT $5.00.

Extra large and heavy light gray wool blankets, made of the finest quality wool, finished with pretty pink and blue borders; exceptionally great values at this price.

WOOL BLANKETS, AT $4.00.

Full 11-4 white wool Blankets of splendid wearing quality, finished with pink and blue borders; unmatchable values at this price.

CRIB BLANKETS AT $1.25.

Attractive Crib Blankets for the baby's bed; they come in Teddy Bear and flowered designs, also in plain white; special values at this low price.

IMPORTED Kid Gloves

$1.50 VALUES, ON SALE TOMORROW 98¢

This interesting sale comprises a miscellaneous collection of French suede Kid Gloves; 225 pairs all told; two and three-clasp styles, also 100 pairs of Fownes' $1.50 overseam and pique Kid Gloves; they come in tans, browns, grays, reds and greens; not all sizes in all colors, but all sizes in some colors; positively the very best $1.50 qualities.

WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WORSTED GLOVES

Complete stock of domestic and imported worsted Gloves are now being shown, and are exceptionally good values at 25¢, 35¢, 50¢

Women's Stylish
SHOES REDUCED

By all means don't fail to visit our shoe section when you attend this sale, for some very exceptional values are to be had on this occasion. The following items should interest you—

WOMEN'S SHOES, $3 VALUES AT $2.50

A special sale of women's high cut Shoes in the latest fall styles, made with viscolized soles, medium weight gunmetal calf uppers, Blucher style; regular $3 values, on sale at.. $2.50

WOMEN'S SHOES, $3 VALUES, AT $2.50

A special offering of women's Shoes, made in a number of new styles; they come in vici kid, gunmetal and calf skin, with low, medium and high heels, all sizes and widths; our regular $3 lines, on sale at..... $2.50

Women's rain proof Over Gaiters, in all colors and sizes; values up to $1.50, at..... 75c

Women's new style Rubbers, this season's goods; 75c values, at.... 50c

WINTER
Underwear and Hosiery Specials

We have built up in these sections a hosiery and knit underwear business that is known far and wide for the variety of stock and the unusual fairness of all prices. To this end we have taken extra pains in the selection of our winter lines, and selected everything that is new, worthy and good. As a special inducement to tomorrow's shoppers we offer the following great values.

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS, ALL-WOOL GARMENTS, $3 VALUES, AT $1.59

A great special purchase placed on sale tomorrow for the first time; women's fine Swiss ribbed "Vassar" Union Suits, made of the finest wool, with nice soft finish; they come in a gray color, and in all sizes; form-fitting garments, made to sell regularly at $3, on sale tomorrow at $1.59

CHILDREN'S FLEECE-LINED HOSE, 25c VALUES, 17¢

A great special offering of children's fine ribbed, heavy fleece-lined cotton Stockings, in all sizes from 6 to 10; exceptional values at 25c a pair, on sale tomorrow at..... 17c

WOMEN'S WOOL HOSE, 40c VALUES..... 25c

A great special showing of women's wool Hose, in all sizes; the celebrated Burson make; they are made seamless with full-fashioned leg and foot; splendid wearing quality; always sold at 40c a pair, but specially priced for tomorrow at..... 25c

FLEECED UNION SUITS FOR WOMEN, 75c VALUES AT..... 49c

EXTRA SPECIAL, for tomorrow's sale, an offering of a splendid line of women's fine, heavy, cotton ribbed, fleece-lined Union Suits, in cream color, well finished, perfect fitting; button down the front union suits; they come in all sizes and are fully worth 75c, priced for this sale at..... 49c