

COMMISSION ON RAILROAD RATES ANNOUNCE A TOUR OF WEST TO HEAR ARGUMENTS ON ALL PENDING CASES NOW READY.

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That the interstate commerce commission will visit the Pacific coast for the purpose of hearing cases involving freight rates from eastern territory to points in the territory east of the Pacific coast terminals and from Pacific coast terminals to points east thereof, is announced in a letter from Chief Examiner W. E. Lamb to J. N. Peak of this city, who has appeared before the commission at various times as representative of Portland and Pacific coast commercial interests.

The letter contains specific dates when the members of the commission will reach the different cities, but it is stated that the commission is to be visited by Portland, Spokane, Seattle, San Francisco, probably Los Angeles, Reno and Salt Lake. Mr. Lamb's letter to Mr. Peak follows:

Mr. Lamb's Letter.

"Dear Sir—The commission contemplates making a trip to certain points on the Pacific coast and in intermediate territory, which will include Spokane, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, possibly Los Angeles, Reno and Salt Lake for the purpose of hearing various cases involving the rates from eastern territory to points in the territory east of the Pacific coast terminals, and from Pacific coast terminals to points east thereof, which have been brought, or the bringing thereof is now in contemplation, by representatives of the shipping interests of the places hereinbefore named.

The testimony in some of these cases may be taken before some individual commissioner, or it may be taken before the commission as a whole depending upon circumstances as they may develop in the future. Generally speaking, however, the cases will be heard before the commission.

The specific dates when the members of the commission will reach the different points named have not yet been determined, but as now planned it is expected that the first stop will be at Spokane, Wash., on October 4. At that point a further hearing will be had on the supplemental complaint in case No. 879, city of Spokane vs. Great Northern Railway company et al.

From Spokane the commission will go to Seattle and hear case No. 3549, Transportation Bureau of Seattle vs. Northern Pacific company et al.

Upon completion of the hearing in this case, the commission will move to Portland and hear case No. 2537, Portland Chamber of Commerce vs. Oregon Railroad & Navigation company et al.; also No. 2683, Astoria Chamber of Commerce vs. Great Northern Railway company et al. and case No. 2288 may be included with the case last referred to, as both cases involve the same issues. These two cases may possibly be heard before Commissioner Clark some time in September.

Will Go to San Francisco.

From Portland the commission will go to San Francisco and hear such cases as may be at issue there, as well as the various cases now pending in the cities and Los Angeles switching cases. It is the plan to hear oral argument in the various Florida cases known as the Maricopa County Commercial club vs. Southern Pacific et al. at San Francisco.

From San Francisco the commission will go to Reno and take such further testimony in case No. 1655, Railroad Commission et al. vs. Southern Pacific et al. as may be necessary and after the hearing the commission will listen to oral argument and fix the time for filing briefs thereon.

I may add in this connection that complaints have been granted leave to file amended briefs in the additional party defendants. This amendment is to be filed by July 20, and a further hearing in the Reno case is expected to be on the new issues raised by the new amendment.

Will Hear Oral Argument.

If however, no further testimony is to be taken at Reno on the new issues raised by this amendment, the commission will then hear oral argument in the case and fix the time for filing briefs. From Reno the commission will go to Salt Lake and hear the Salt Lake and Provo case. This case involves the rates from eastern points to points in that particular territory.

As before observed, the specific dates when the commission will reach the points mentioned have not yet been fixed, but definite notice of such dates will be sent at a later date, probably July 21, and at that time any change in the order of reaching said points will be noted.

"At the close of the taking of testimony in each case before the commission, oral argument will be had and the commission will fix the time for filing briefs in such cases thereafter. In the event some individual commissioner takes testimony in a given case prior to the time the rest of the commissioners reach the Provo case, it is expected that oral argument in such case will be had before the commission at some convenient place, to be hereafter designated.

I do not know that the parties represented by you are in any way interested in other cases than the Spokane, Seattle and Portland complaints, but I thought best to give you the outline of the committee's trip, for your general information in case you might have an indirect interest in the other cases.—Respectfully,
Chief Examiner."

CHAUTAQUAS LAS DAY SESSION CLOSES WITH SERMONS DURING DAY

Special Feature Today.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Chautauquas will be given an extra program not advertised. By request Montaville Flowers and the Misses Keller will appear in a special Sunday concert. Miss Grace Keller will sing and Mr. Flowers will read that magnificent morality, "The Hour Glass," by Edmund Yeats.

The "blaze of glory" with which the secular program of Chautauqua was to have closed last night was considerably dampened by the downpour of the afternoon, which sent fully 3000 people to cover and abruptly terminated the ball game, which, however, was continued spasmodically between showers.

For 15 minutes yesterday afternoon Gladstone Park was certainly in the storm center, and if it had been East instead of Oregon many cyclone cellar would have been called into requisition.

Fortunately, the afternoon program was over, the speaker's voice would have been lost in the battle of the elements; wind, rain and hail beat upon the great dome until it was deafening, but the frantic efforts with which the speakers tried to communicate with each other afforded amusement for everyone.

Crowd Was Good Natured.

It was a good natured crowd and cool as was everything even to the dripping plumage of some birds of paradise. And then, when the disceasing, what an opportunity it gave the old soldiers to swap war stories. How they did revel in the reminiscences that had been stirred up by Dr. E. L. McClish of Los Angeles in his patriotic address, "Sights and Scenes of War."

It was an address to warm the cockles of every old G. A. R. man's heart. It was not new to them, indeed, for every foot of the ground he talked over, when he came to the civil war they talked over, even to using the quart of rice when they wanted a little for their supper, and the experience of the expanding qualities filled every dish in the house. He knew his experience had been their own, and he told them a great deal more.

Our National Flower.

He began with "Our national flower, the Mayflower," when he landed at Plymouth Rock, and he sang liberty to them until Apollonius was immortalized and Sherman taken his arm to the sea. And then he drew very forcibly the lessons and the results and the benefits of the civil war.

Over this Dr. McClish gave eloquent and brought many practical lessons home to the younger people of his audience as well as to the veterans, who were in the "seats of the mighty" today, and completely filled the large platform.

Montaville Flowers read very touchingly Josiah Miller's pathetic little poem, "The Soldier's Home," and taken his piano accompaniment by Miss Keller. The Star Spangled Banner, sung by Parvin, a veteran well up in years, sang a patriotic solo, his own composition. The evening was given to the Knickerbocker quartet, which again made good and delighted a large audience.

Attendance is double.

At noon more than double the number of tickets had been sold than on any other day during the session, and while the rain drove many homes who had come unprepared for it, the evening cars came in loaded which was more than an offset for those who had left. The classes all closed yesterday morning, the students felt they had ingested the magnificent climax of Dr. Goshen's Bible class was on the lips of everybody. He rose to eloquence and convincing earnestness when he brought to its ultimate conclusion his study of the atonement.

The Chautauqua people were fortunate to secure these lectures at this time, for they are the result of years of study and preparation and are just about ready to be put in book form.

The forum has had no more entertaining program than yesterday, when Rev. W. W. Matthews, presiding elder of California and Oregon, A. M. E. Zion church, spoke on "The Emancipator."

"The Song of Triumph" was given by Lewis H. Dawley of Portland, and most attractive numbers were the jubilee singers from Zion church.

The W. C. T. U. came up to the end of the session with flying colors. Mrs. Addison discussed the question of economics in her usual enthusiastic manner. Several present asked intelligent questions of the W. C. T. U. and familiar with this topic, whether financial, social or moral.

Several handsomely attended the reception given to the management and structures after the baseball game. Yesterday morning as the veterans came on the grounds they found the headquarters ablaze with the national colors, and with flags. It was conceded by all that it was the most attractive place on the grounds.

Mrs. Peake presented the Flower Mission work in a bright, new way. University Park union sent a mass of sweet peas, white and pink. A reception was given to the Chautauqua, L. T. L. The attraction was enhanced by the presence of Montaville Flowers and the Misses Keller.

Mrs. Peake presented the general work of the department and Mrs. Urruh followed with a talk on Boston missions in which she worked, also many pathetic incidents of mission work.

One of the most delightful places on the ground this year has been the headquarters of the Y. W. C. A. with the charming and always smiling and happy hostess, Miss Frances Gage; and to be happy as a hostess during this year's Chautauqua, particularly when tents and comfort and "dryness" were to be provided for others amidst the downpours which, from time to time, assailed the camp, required much courage.

Other Veterans Present.

Another veteran is Mrs. M. A. Dalton, who for 18 years has provided over the headquarters of the Knickerbocker of Women's clubs. Many others there are who have come year after year until it seems like a family reunion, when they meet again at Chautauqua.

It is hoped that today will be a great day in point of attendance as a fine religious program has been arranged, which, supplemented by Mr. Flowers' special recital and concert, will be a most attractive place to spend the day.

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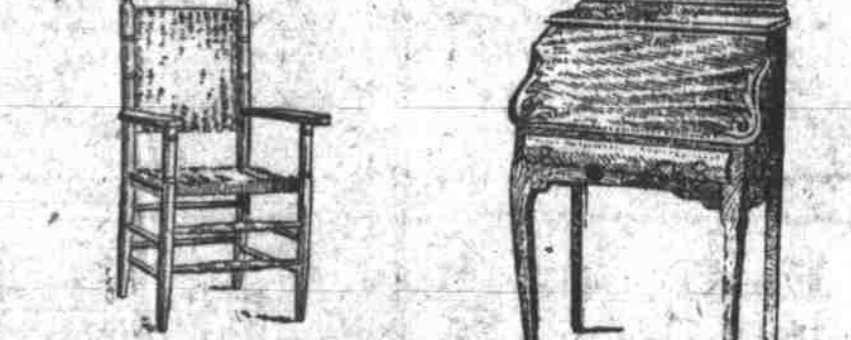
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Educational Commission of Y. M. C. A. Plans Extensive Class Work.

With a division of their work of investigation into nine different fields, the educational commission of the Y. M. C. A. has already begun its study of actual conditions in Portland. The commission consists of Frank E. Smith, chairman; R. C. French, secretary; Fletcher Linn, A. G. Thompson, H. S. Bates, H. C. Campbell, B. P. Moseman, Hopkins Jenkins, A. B. Rhodes, Dr. E. L. McClish.

Studied Eastern Schools.

Mr. French arrived in Portland last Wednesday, after several months in the east where he carefully investigated vocational work in the most prominent schools of this character in the eastern states, particularly in the industrial schools, and those in which the students work a part of the day in school and a part in a shop; the work of the school being directly supplemental to shop work.

"This is the system," said Mr. French, "pursued by the Lewis Institute in Chicago, the Cincinnati university, and the Denver association institute, Fitzburg, Mass., was the first high school to introduce this work as part of the regular course.

"The best arranged vocational work I found in the Williamson trades school in Philadelphia. Only the winners of competitive examinations are admitted, and a thorough course is given in plumbing, carpentry, machinery and bricklaying.

Day and Night Sessions.

"Similar work along trade lines will be organized in the Y. M. C. A. as rapidly as possible. It is probable that the work will be extended to include not only the classwork of evening sessions, but will include day sessions as well. It will also be the effort of the association to provide facilities for adults to obtain a liberal education, as well as what vocational work may be

directly available in the trades and occupations where they may be employed.

Oscar O. Russell, formerly in charge of the physical work in the Eastern Oregon Normal school at Weston, and Paul H. Wyman, principal of the training school there, will be associated with Mr. French as assistant educational directors. A force of 25 teachers will have charge of the class work.

Portland Day at A-Y-P.

The Oregon commission to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition desires to extend an invitation to the people of Portland and vicinity to attend an informal reception to be given at the Oregon building, on the A-Y-P grounds, Seattle, Wash., from 3 to 5 o'clock, July 26, Portland day. W. H. WEHRUNG, President.

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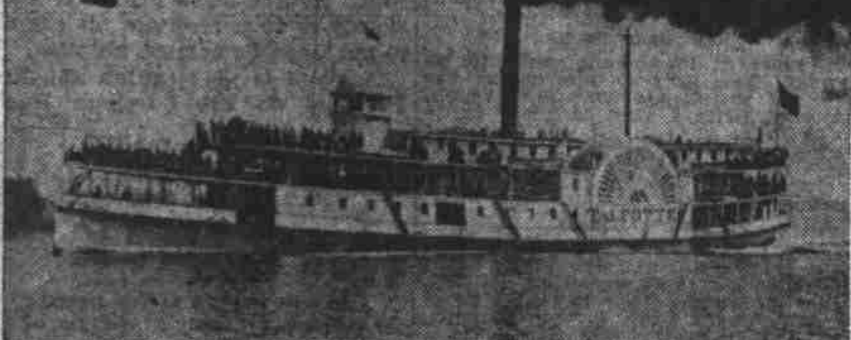
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