### SOUTHERN PACIFIC "ASK ME" CLUB TO DECLARES SHORT HAUL RATES RULE Badge Shows Idea of Body-

Evidence in Portland to San Francisco Case Heardstacle-Water Competition on It.

San Francisco and Portland, the Southern Pacific company today offered testimony in the battle of experts, attornevs and clashing interests before Commissioner Franklin K. Lane of the interstate commerce commission in the federal courtroom.

What may become the basis of action |er from the corner "cop." by the commission under the application of the railroad to be exempted from the rigid application of the long and haul, or fourth section of the amended interstate commerce act was suggested by Commissioner Lane when

he remarked: "I have wondered if it would be possible to take Sacramento as a basis an make the rates more nearly line up under the long and short haul clause Or perhaps some point can be taken of Sacramento outside of the zone of water competition."

Water Competition. This suggestion came after the coun-

sel for the railroad had declared that as far north as Red Bluff, and after

By J. M. Davis, the general superinthe mountain haul over the Siskiyou Butler, statistician for the Harriman Francisco and Portland

Rates Abnormally Low.

Butler, testifying as an expert, said our water rates. He said the rates are 80 formation and that they are safe peoper cent less than from New York to ple to ask and if one addresses you, a Charleston, and also made comparison stranger, it is not meant for impertinwith the San Francisco-San Pedro rates. To San Pedro from the Bay City, he said, half the distance to Portland, the rates are one-fifth higher by water. Commissioner Lane remarked that the

published water rates may not be re-liable, as they show what is asked, not what is actually paid. The expert said this is true, but contended that these rates are an excellent indication as to the maximum charges,

The expert presented in evidence i tables showing that in the months of December, 1910, and January, June and July, 1911, the number of arrivals of steamers in San Francisco from Portwas 68 and the number of departures for Portland 98.

Lane Asks Question. Commissioner Lane examined these figures quizzically and then dryly asked

what became of the 30 steamers that never came back. Butler explained the discrepancy may

which are bound for north coast points other than Portland, but touch at this city and are listed for this port, because it is easier to make up cargo for Portland.

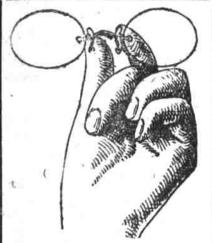
The commissioner's remark that some basis must be arranged from which rates may be figured under the long and short haul is believed to mean that zones may be established in the territory regarded as outside the compelling influence of water competition between San Francisco and Portland.

If some point be fixed upon, the railroad will then contend for higher rates to the interior places, based upon the justification of the rate to the initial point as reasonable. In this connection the high cost of operation below Ashland is being pressed to the attention

Hard Pull Described.

Under this head Superintendent Davis said that it requires five of the heavtest locomotives to haul a train of 38 to 45 cars, part of them empties, south from Ashland. He was unable to answer a question by the commissioner as to the lifting power of locomotives over the Siskiyous compared with those operated over the Sierras from Sacra-

Davis was likewise unable to assist



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Attempting to justify the application method of suggesting to bashful suitors hold had turned the trick. of higher rates to a short than to a that they may pop the question, nor longer haul over the same line between will it be a league of rubicund conutennce and perpetual thirst, but it will be, when organized a dignified body Portland Commercial club, and including in its membership any one who will give information about Portland to the stranger on the streets who have not been able to get the directions he want-

The plan was suggested by C. Wrightman and is heartfly seconded by C. Chapman, promotion manager of the Commercial club. Mr. Wrightman wrote this letter to the Commercial club,

"As a citizen of Portland, proud of our city, I am more impressed each day with the number of strangers on the streets who seem to be looking for something, looking for street signs, etc. They sometimes speak to the policeman on the beat and get a courteous answer and formal direction, but there is not always the policeman in sight and not all streets are marked. It seems impertinent to speak to such people, eswater competition directly affects rates pecially if they are ladies, and ask if you can be of assistance in directing questions asked by Commissioner Lane them, but I have risked it several times had shown that while Sacramento and always to meet with pleasing gratitude, San Francisco have the same rate to and often to find they wanted to know Portland, based on water competition, some trifling thing that they disliked the water rate from Sacramento to San to stop anyone and ask about or some-Francisco is 9 cents and the rail rate thing that they hardly knew how to formulate into an inquiry. It has always been a pleasure to me to have done this tendent of the Pacific division of the but we cannot be stopping to do it with Southern Pacific company, who was every person we meet that seems called as a witness, the difficulties of puzzled. "Now my point: I have had it in

mountains were brought out, while J. K. mind for several years. Why cannot our commercial bodies issue to reputable lines, presented tables dealing with the citizens a lapel button with "Ask Me" effect of water competition between San on it in clear letters and let it be known through our newspapers mention of the work and through literature that that competition is excessive by water an "Ask Me" club in Portland and between San Francisco and Portland, that all persons with the button are and the rates abnormally low even as ready and willing to give courteous inence or mashing."

> the commissioner on another point concerning which it was evident information was wanted. This was with regard to the cost per mile for hauling freight per ton or per car from Ashland to Dunsmuir. The witness was again of no assistance when an effort was made to learn the cost of "helper" service in handling freight over the mountain di-

> On the Southern Pacific staff in atendance at the hearing are C. W. Durbrow, who takes the lead in the questioning; H. A. Scandrett, interstate commerce attorney for the Harriman lines; Spencer of the local Harriman legal force, and W. R. Wheeler, head of the traffic bureau of the company.

Henry Thurtell, chairman of the fourth section board of the Interstate Commerce commission, is representing Butler explained the discrepancy may be accounted for by lumber vessels little part beyond directing the inquiry which are bound for north sees to be accounted for the following for north sees to be accounted for the following following for the following following for the following fol into the lines that are pertinent. The commission, through the fourth tion board, is gathering data and preparing to work out a harmonizing policy in the interpretation of the law governing the regulation of the railroads.

Others Participating. Others participating in the hearing are J. N. Teal, representing the trans-postation committee of the chamber of commerce and Portland commercial in-terests; F. H. McCune, an expert appearing for the traffic club of Rose-burg, and T. Jones, a merchant of Hornbrook, Cal.; Commodore S. Jackson, representing the commercial interests of Doseburg and Douglas county, and F. J. Cousins, for commercial in-tertsts of the Willamette valley.

Among the interested spectators were Chairman C. B. Altchison and Frank J. Miller members of the state rallroad commission of Oregon. After holding until nearly 1 o'clock, Commissioner Lane adjourned the session until 2

#### POTATO BUG III IS WINNER OF FIRST HEAT AT REGATTA

Astoria, Or., Sept. 4.—The Centennial regatta, which is the sixteenth annual regatta held here, opened today. Weather conditions are favorable for good races. Admiral E. W. Spencer and his staff arrived Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. and were received with an admiral's salute of 21 guns. The river is very

The lifesaving revenue tug Snohomish arrived from Puget Sound Sunday and will remain here to patrol the course during the regatta. Shearwater, of the British Pacific fleet, under command of Captain Gerald Vivian, arrived in at 7:15 this morning and

will remain during the regatta, Very few of the boats were able to get ready in time to enter the first race, which was the 26-foot class. The Dixle had an accident last night. overhauling the engines a leak of gasoine caused an explosion, resulting in considerable damage, but she will be repaired and will run later.

The Wigwam II, which sank Saturday, has been repaired, but could not start this morning. The first heat of the 25-foot class was won by Potato Bug III; time,

38:361-5. Question Mark was second and Chebalis third. The 32-foot race is now on and will be won by the Astor, which is far ahead of all competitors.

#### CHAMPION GOTCH IS WINNER; RUSSIAN THROWS UP SPOUNGE

(Continued from Page One.) quickly disappeared and he sparred,

lightning like, for a hold. Gotch twice tried to get behind for a eg hold, but Hackenschmidt eluded him. For 10 minutes they sparred, Couch rying for a leg hold, and laughing when the Russian eluded him. At 3:20 Gotch got behind his foe, picked him up bodily and threw him to his knees with great

violence. Then Gotch resorted to his old tactics which once before made Hackenschmidt quit, punishing the Russian with a series of lightning jabs to the nose while

seeking to get an arm hold Balked in this Gotch then tried for

#### toe hold, but the Russian broke his grip, displaying great-strength.

with a rush and both were on their feet again. Then the Russian tried to trip Gotch but the latter was too quick and went behind Hackenschmidt and with a leg hold dropped the lion to his Hackenschimdt then regained his feet,

got behind Gotch and threw him momentarily. Then Gotch broke away. Both men by this time were perspir ing freely but Getch smiled confidently as he sparred for another opening. At 8:23 Hackenschmidt attempted to trip the Iowan, who caught the Rus Gotch's right hand then sought the Russian's leg and as he twirled Lion over his left hand gripped the Russian's right wrist. Hackenschmidt rolled over and Smith placed his hand It will not, however, be an association on Gotch's back. The first fall was

Crowd Cheers Gotch

With a look of pain and surprise eighth fire. Hackenschmidt ryshed to his dressing Efforts t growd wildly cheered oom while the his conqueror. At 3:41 Gotch and Hack-3:41% after shaking hands. Hackenschmidt immediately began

bulling Gotch in an effort to weer the Iowan down by sheer bull strength. Gotch met every play with an equal show of strength. Both were very rough. At 3:47 Gotch went behind the Russian with a leg hold. In a second he had the fatal toe hold which Hackenschmidt sought desperately to break. Hackenschmidt was evidently afraid of the grip and feared that the Iowa giant would break his leg, so after a brief show of resistance he quit and, still resisting feebly, turned over on his back. The time of the second fall was five minutes and \$2 seconds.

912 Pearls in One Clam.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Adrian, Mich., Sept. 4.—W. H. Thomas, clam digger, found 912 pearls in a Raisin River clam. One hundred were of marketable size and 50 are of un-

Burning of Smelter Climax of Harness Races at Country Four Weeks of Incendiary Fires.

(Special to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Sept. 4.—The burning of the immense Hall smelter plant at Nelson, B. C., Saturday night, the climax of a series of incendiary fires extending over several weeks, has terrifled Nelson vastly further, although

Efforts to find the incendiary have enschmidt reentered the ring for the mass meeting Sunday and appealed for second fall. They started wrestling at provincial police. In resolutions they frankly confessed their inability to catch the perpetrator and their panic over the situation.

The Hall smelter plant covered 13 loss is half a million dollars. On account of the water supply besmelter, together with numerous homes formerly occupied by the workmen, were at the mercy of the flames.

The fire is, the police think, the work of the same person who has for four weeks terrorized the city. A reward of \$500 has been offered by the police for information. erty is said to be insured for abou half the amount of loss.

Artificial wood for matches, made from straw, has been invented by a Frenchman.

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# oe hold, but the Bussian broke his grip, Hackenschmidt broke away NELSON ASKS HELP RUNNING RACES TO T. KRUSE MAY BE TO CATCH FIREBUG BE OFFERED TODAY DEMENTED, THEORY

Club Track Will Be Postponed to Tomorrow.

Rain has made the Country club race this afternoon, and in lieu of the stepping brigade five running races will be the city has been panic stricken for flat runners, of whom there are nearly nothing has been heard since he was some time. Friday night the Nelson 100 stabled at the track, including such seen entering the Rathskeller in Seattle brewery was burned and that was the well known performers as Hector, the with a tall slender young man and a een without result, so craftly has he and Ascot for several years. Others on worked. The citizens of Nelson held a the track are equally as classy as this pair.

ing program today it is likely that a record breaking crowd would have attended, owing to the fact that it is Laacres and was totally destroyed. The bor day. However, the fair management is not discouraged, because five days remain, and in that time the attendance ing cut off in this locality, the fire will doubtless eclipse that of other department was helpless and the large years in the aggregate. It will also mean more racing each day in the harness division for the lovers of the great sport

> racing card each day as planned before. The entries today will be at the post, and the track management was engaged this morning in making up a good card. R. M. Wade & Co. Sell.

Independence, Or., Sept. 4 .- R. M.

Wade & Co. sold their hardware store in this city yesterday to an eastern man. who will take possession the first of

Worry Over New Hotel May Have Weakened His Mind, Argue Some Friends.

No light has been thrown on the track too soft for the harpess racers strange disappearance of Theodore Kruse, the well known proprietor of the Belvidere hotel and Louvre cafe, who staged, starting at 2 o'clock. Rain and left the city without saying as to where soft going will not interfere with the he was going on August 21 and of whom 'Iron Horse," and Tony Faust, two stake heavy set man. The only other new horses that campaigned at Emeryville of him was received the night of his disappearance, a telegram from him to Mrs. Kruse, dated in Scattle, in which he said he was looking for singers for the Louvre.

Every possible clue has been run down and his friends believe now that his mind has become weakened by mental strain and business worry. One theory is that he had begun to think the Carl on hotel, which he had made arrange ments to lease and for the furnishings of which he had paid \$15,000 to Gevurts & Sons as a part of the \$35,000 or more which the furnishings were to cost, was a "white elephant" and would not pay This is emphatically denied by Mrs Running races will fill in the Kruse, his attorneys and those of his friends who were at all intimate with him and by all it is said that he was very enthusiastic over the prospects and interested in the plans for the opening, which is soon to take place

Mr. Kruse was not one who teld his personal affairs even to his wife and he may have had worries of which no one knew. He had been very nervous for some time prior to his disappearaccording to Mrs. Kruse seemed to wish to be near her all the

time. While away camping he seemed wish to stay close to camp all the time. When they were out walking she said he would hold on to her arm as if he wanted to keep her from get-

ting away.
In order to trace his movements in Seattle further if possible, C. L. Vaw-ter, former United States marshal of Valdez, Alaska, and a close personal friend, has again gone north and will nstitute a thorough search. Mrs. E. Reckman, Mr. Kruse's sister, returned

to Portland from San Francisco, but was unable to throw any light on the

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