

LUMBER CASE WON BEFORE COMMISSION BY EASTERN OREGON

Eastern Oregon Rate to Burlington Territory Found Discriminatory.

RATE MAY BE LOWERED

Spokane Mills Found to Have Enjoyed Practically a Monopoly in the Lumber Trade.

Rates on forest products from the eastern Oregon territory into Burlington territory between Cheyenne, Wyo., and the Missouri river probably will be reduced as a result of the interstate commerce commission's decision in the case brought by the Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' association.

Spokane Mills Get Monopoly.

In the report of the commission on the facts in the case, Commissioner Harlan said: "The joint rates from these mills (referring to the Spokane territory) is to the destinations in question are so much lower than the aggregate rates exacted of the complainants and the intervenor as to give to the Spokane mills a practical monopoly in meeting the lumber requirements of the territory of destination above described.

Violation Is Claimed.

One notable assertion brought out by the commissioner in discussing the case was that the rates complained of are higher than to points east of the Missouri river, which of themselves constitute violations of the fourth section of the act to regulate commerce.

The commissioner declares, however, that the situation will be corrected if the rates here suggested are established. H. F. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the O-W. R. & N., said today that the effect of the order probably would be a reduction of the Eastern Oregon rate rather than an increase of the Spokane rate.

Lane Wants Action On Oil Withdrawals

Secretary of Interior Makes It Plain That He Does Not Favor Harsh Treatment of Investors.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, hopes congress will act on the oil land withdrawals in California and Wyoming, and he is also making it clear that the department does not favor harsh dealing with oil operators who made large investments following the first withdrawal of these lands in 1909.

That action was taken by department order and its legality was questioned. The next congress passed an act specifically authorizing withdrawal, but last spring the supreme court rendered a decision holding the original withdrawal valid.

"If the full measure of the government's right is acted upon as a basis of our policy in dealing with these lands," says the secretary in a statement, "it will bankrupt many oil companies and do what should be done to be an injustice to those who have invested many millions of dollars under a mistake as to the law. I believe congress should act to recognize the equitable rights of those operators."

The secretary indicates that he would draw the line at the time of the second withdrawal, making leases upon a royalty to be fixed by congress to all who were actually operating upon the land at that time, 1910.

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NEW FACES TO BE SEEN IN U. S. SENATE



Some of the new members of the United States senate. Above, left to right—Warren G. Harding, Ohio; James W. Wadsworth, New York; Oscar W. Underwood, Alabama. Below, left to right—Paul C. Husting, Wisconsin; J. O. W. Beckham, Kentucky.

Root, Burton, Perkins, Stephenson and Others Have Been Succeeded.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(I. N. S.)—There are several notable changes in the senate, at this session. Senator Perkins of California is gone from his accustomed place on the Republican side, after more than a score of years of service there. Elihu Root is gone. Theodore Burton of Ohio, champion of filibusters and terror of "pork barrel" legislators, has retired. California has sent James D. Phelan, an original Wilson Democrat and four times mayor of San Francisco, to replace the aged forty-nine, while former Representative James Wadsworth Jr., and Warren G. Harding, respectively, will answer the roll call in place of Root and Burton. Paul O. Husting replaces Isaac

Stephenson of Wisconsin—the last of the lumber kings from that state to sit in the upper house. Stephenson's flowing grey locks, his incessant chewing of old-fashioned American plug tobacco, and his withdrawal from any activity beyond voting on roll calls, marked one of the picturesque personalities that will be missed.

Thornton Will Be Missed.

So on the Democratic side there will be missed a staunch old-fashioned Democrat in the person of John R. Thornton of Louisiana, to whose toga Robert F. Broussard has succeeded. Tall and of splendid physique, his ample white beard set off by ruddy cheeks and bushy brows, this Confederate veteran exemplified southern courtesy and party regularity as did few of his day. Perhaps no incident of the entire tariff struggle of 1913 was so pathetic as Senator Thornton's speech announcing that he could not vote for the tariff bill because of the sugar clause. He told of having risen from a sick bed to set an example to his friends to vote for an unwelcome presidential nominee of his party in 1896, and said that he had not thought to break his regularity in his old age. That his party had driven him to do so he considered the most distressing experience of his public life. Tears were upon his cheeks as he concluded and opponents wrung his hand in sympathy.

Underwood Will Have Influence.

Of the men just entering the upper house none will compare in immediate influence with Oscar Underwood of Alabama. The leader of his party in the house for the past four years, Underwood still retains a remarkable

degree of influence in that body. It is expected that the administration will find him quite as effective during his daily visits to the house lobby as during the hours when he occupies his seat in the senate chamber. Indeed, Democratic senators of the conservative school are predicting that the White house will find Underwood so great a power in his new position that he must be consulted at every stage of the development of the legislative program.

Chamberlain in Front Row.

At Gallinger's right will be seated Holes Penrose winner by a landslide in the Pennsylvania race last November of Penrose, Palmer and Pinchot. Across the aisle, in the front row of the legislative chamber, will be Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, in charge of the army bill, Senator Williams of Minnesota, chief Democratic rough-and-tumble debater, and Senator Walsh of Montana, who will conduct the fight for water power leasing legislation.

Since the last session the senate majority of the Democrats has increased from 19 to 16.

Safety Devices Cost Railroads Millions

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Some Interesting Observations Relative to Execution of Order.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—In granting the application of a large number of railroads for extension of time in which to complete the equipment of freight cars in accordance with safety appliance standards prescribed by it, the interstate commerce commission made some interesting observations concerning the progress of this work, which is estimated to involve a total outlay of \$45,000,000 by the carriers.

"A most important consideration which must be borne in mind," said the commission, "is that the purpose of congress in enacting this statute was the conservation of human life and limb. While we cannot entirely ignore the necessities of the carriers, yet when we consider that any extension however short, may result in the death or injury of an employe by reason of the fact that a safety appliance is insecurely applied, or is missing or beyond his reach owing to lack of uniformity in equipment, it is manifest that too great weight should not be given to arguments of hardship and inconvenience to the exclusion of the interests of the employes and of the public."

The commission on the other hand conceded that the railroads have had some unusual difficulties, particularly in the south, and that considerable preparation was necessary to enable the changes to be carried into effect. It was found that out of 2,026,245 cars in service on July 1, 1914, on roads having a mileage of 332,000 miles, 1,698,064, or 84 per cent, were fully equipped or removed from service by July 1 of next year.

Pennants Offered in Seal Sale Contest

Portland Will Have Chance to Win Honors in Contest Which Will Be Nation Wide.

The states, cities, towns and villages selling the largest number of Red Cross Seals per capita will be given pennants in their respect by the American Red Cross and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, as announced in a bulletin issued today. Last year's competition was limited to cities, towns and villages, but for the 1915 seal campaign pennants will be awarded to states as well.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC EFFICIENCY PLANS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED

Proposed Body to Deal Largely With Expenditures of Public Funds.

A movement is to be launched at the Monday luncheon of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce, when George E. Hardy will offer his plan for a bureau of public efficiency and economy. The proposed bureau is to deal largely with expenditures of public funds, and will operate in an advisory capacity with public officials. It is intended as a plan for securing of Commerce, making up these budgets, and there is nothing to be said except words of praise of their patriotic work, but I believe that even those gentlemen will agree that they could have given better service had they been on the job for a longer time.

"It is one of many plans for making the chamber efficient in the development of the city, and should have careful attention."

Have It Repaired.

Read the Journal's repair directory on the city opposite Journal's editorial section. Do it now—today—immediately. (Adv.)

DUCKS NEED WATER Only for Drinking

So Declares Portland Man; Gives Some Pointers on Proper Feeding and Breeding.

Does a tame duck need a swimming tank to make it happy and fat? F. Sauerman of 1495 Rodney avenue says "no." "Pure water for drinking is enough" he said. Mr. Sauerman says there is no need to go out of Oregon for the best ducks for eating purposes. "For my own use and to satisfy the wants of a few of my friends I raised a batch of ducks, a cross between an Indian Runner and a White Pekin. They were hatched July 1 and when served for Thanksgiving they averaged 6 1/2 pounds, thoroughly dressed. I fed them a hot shorts mash morning, green feed during the daytime and wheat or corn at night."

Park Employes in Capital Underpaid

So They State in Petition Which Sets Forth That \$1.60 Is Too Low a Daily Wage.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The question of what is a living wage for a man with a family in the District of Columbia is raised by a petition of government park employes, who are planning to ask congress to increase their pay. At present the maximum pay for such workers is \$1.60 a day.

There are about 300 men employed in this work. The most of them have families. They are not protected in their jobs by the classified civil service and they are paid from an appropriation by congress to care for the public parks and grounds. The employes think they should have \$2 a day, which would be on a scale in Richmond, Baltimore, New York and Chicago.

In support of their request for greater preparation in their daily problems of supporting a family, a committee of the employes says: "It has been ascertained that \$12 a week is the very least a man with four children under 13 years of age can live on. Consequently, \$1.60 a day is not sufficient for the actual necessities of life. A living wage at least ought to be paid to every workman in the city of Washington."

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