

FIGHT UPON RATES IS TO AWAIT ARRIVAL OF COUNSEL J. N. TEAL

Traffic and Transportation Club to Withhold Action in Astoria Matter.

SITUATION IS REVIEWED

Association Already Voted in Favor of Tax in Order to Promote Building of New Lines.

The Portland Traffic and Transportation association plans no definite steps in the impending fight to secure for Portland rates based upon this city's natural advantages of water grade and proximity to the interior until the return to the city of Joseph N. Teal, counsel, and J. H. Lothrop, manager of the association.

It is first desirable, said H. W. Mitchell, president of the association, to outline clearly the legal phases of the situation, a task which Mr. Teal alone is capable of performing.

May Represent Both. The association probably will represent both itself and the Portland Chamber of Commerce in the fight for a lower rate to Portland than to Puget sound or the mouth of the Columbia river.

Action which has been under consideration for a long time will undoubtedly be dated more definitely because of the action of the Interstate Commerce commission in denying to the railroad a rehearing of the Astoria rate case, by which decision Astoria is put on a parity with Puget sound, in rates to and from the inland empire.

It is indicated that two lines of effort will be found desirable: To organize in positive and fearless way all resources in the development of water transportation in order to this city's natural advantages may thereby be demonstrated.

To petition the Interstate Commerce Commission for an order granting the lower rate.

Tax Is Favored. The association's executive committee already has adopted the resolution favoring a tax, the proceeds of which it is proposed shall be used in building and operating lines of vessels to Alaska, the orient, the west coast of Mexico and South America. The representation of fact in arguing before the Interstate Commerce commission will be that the rates to the coast of the Pacific northwest are based now on the haul over high mountains to Puget sound and that the water grade to Portland—at the head of deep sea navigation and nearest to the interior—has been disregarded as a basis for rate making. It has been conceded that Portland's fight for lower rates will have no effect upon the order granting rates to Astoria on a parity with Puget sound nor will it alter the position of this city that when the rate case was decided in Astoria's favor plain, simple justice was done the community at the mouth of the river.

Conductor Defendant In Divorce Action

Mrs. E. Ellingson Alleges Husband Unduly Intimate With Divorced—Desertion Charged—\$75 Alimony Asked.

Edward Ellingson, passenger conductor on the Oregon Electric, is the defendant in a divorce action brought yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Ellingson. She charges her husband with undue intimacy with Mrs. Louise Corner, a divorcee and stenographer in the employ of the Southern Pacific company. She asserts they have been meeting clandestinely and visiting various hotels for the last several months. Her husband deserted her in May, she says. She asks for \$75 a month alimony. They were married in Vancouver in 1910.

Other suits for divorce have been filed as follows: Ada Osgood vs. John W. Osgood, married in Vancouver in 1914, husband indicted in December, 1915, for a felony and pleaded guilty; Mary E. Greenwald vs. Karl Edward Greenwald, married in Portland in 1902, cruelty; Tennessee Hutson vs. Van Hutson, married at North Bend, Or., in 1910, three children, desertion.

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Bed Time Tales

BY CLARA INGRAM JUDSON

More About the Sand-Pile Farm. Of course, you remember about the sand-pile farm that Margery's grandfather helped her make when she couldn't play out in the yard because of the measles.

For a whole week Margery played contentedly with that farm. She watched the Japanese grass seed germinate and come up thick and green. She watched the little maple trees take root in the sandy soil that grandfather enriched with just a tiny bit of real earth, and she often stuck real flowers, clovers or morning glories or daisies, in through the green grass and then played that she picked them out of the meadow. It was lots of fun.

And by the end of the week the measles were all gone and Margery could play anywhere she wished—but, strange to say, she still played with her sand-pile farm instead of out in the yard, as she had so much wanted to!

And then she had a visitor. Her cousin Tom, who lived in a distant city, came to visit her for a visit that had been long postponed because of those same troublesome measles. And of course the minute he stepped up on the porch, he saw the "farm."

"It's my really, truly farm," Margery explained proudly; "and it grows every day and I can play something new with it all the time."

Tom admired it quite as much as Margery had hoped he would. But after he had played with it a while he remarked: "I don't see why you call this a farm."

"Because it is one," said Margery. "Why not?"

"Because farms have folks and houses and animals—that's what you call 'em," said Tom; "and this has nothing but grass and trees and all that."

Margery thought a minute. "That's so," she admitted; "but how can we change it?"

"We can build houses and make animals and folks from paper," said Tom, and immediately they set to work.

They got the basket of old blocks



From the blocks they made a farmhouse, a dairy and a fine big barn.

that Margery had not played with for—oh, so long, and from the blocks they made a farmhouse, a dairy, and a fine big barn. Then Margery got out her paper dolls and used as many of those as had suitable clothes. Then they cut more dolls out of white paper and painted overalls on them. Those were the workmen in the field.

And that wasn't all. They built fences of toothpicks—nice, even rail fences such as any farmer would be proud to have on his farm. And then they hunted out Margery's old, old Noah's ark that she hadn't played with since she was a tiny, tiny little girl, and from that they stocked the farm.

There were cows and horses (some of them had but one leg, but that didn't matter; they could stand nicely in the moist sand), and watch dogs and sheep and all the animals one would want.

The children played so happily on the sand-pile farm that Tom's mother promised he should have one of his very own as soon as he got home.

Tomorrow—Terry Turtle Spies a Kingfisher.

California Registration 1,032,058.

Sacramento, Cal., July 20.—(U. P.)—Total registration for California up to noon yesterday is 1,032,058, according to figures on record in the secretary of state's office. The registration is divided in part as follows: Republicans, 464,769; Democrats, 187,992; Progressives, 45,119.

Man Who Helped to Build Monitor Dies

A. Floyd, Pioneer Oregon Railroad Man Who Served in Navy During Civil War, Passed Away at La Grande.

La Grande, Ore., July 20.—A. Floyd, perhaps the oldest railroad man in Oregon in point of continuous service and one of those who assisted in the building of the Monitor, Erickson's famous ironclad which destroyed the Confederate ship Merrimack during the Civil war, died here today at the age of 74 years.

Since 1890 he had worked as a blacksmith in the La Grande shops, being mentioned four years ago when he reached the age of 70. He was in the employ of the O-W-R. & N. through all its stages, having been with the original Oregon Steam Navigation company.

He was in the United States navy during the Civil war on the Osageps and was in many engagements but served principally in the blockade of southern ports.

The body will be taken to The Dalles for burial.

Federal Grand Jury Will Report Today

Several indictments in minor cases expected in United States District Court; Oregon Land Fraud Case.

San Francisco, July 20.—(U. P.)—The newly empaneled federal grand jury, which met on Monday and Tuesday, will report in the United States district court tomorrow afternoon. Several indictments in minor cases are expected to be presented.

The grand jury has been delving into the Oregon land fraud cases and most of Monday and Tuesday's session was taken up by this line of quizzing. Clarence L. Reames, United States attorney of Oregon, is here to present the cases.

It is believed that the grand jury has not concluded its investigations in to the land fraud cases and for that reason will not present any true bills in that connection tomorrow.

Astoria Will Hold Huge Mass Meeting

Formal Recognition of Interstate Commerce Commission's Parity Rate Decision to Be Made on August 10.

Astoria, Ore., July 20.—Astoria will formally recognize the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission on the parity rate case in favor of the mouth of the Columbia river, by holding a monster mass meeting Thursday, August 10, in which all the people of Astoria and the northwest will be asked to join. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Prominent men from all over the northwest will be invited to come to Astoria on this occasion and speak on the subject of the new terminals.

CAPITALISTS HOLDING OPTIONS ON COOS BAY PROPERTY EXPECTED

W. J. Wilsey and Syndicate of Englishmen and Americans to Investigate Land.

Marshfield, Ore., July 20.—W. J. Wilsey and his syndicate of English and American capitalists, for whom options on a large amount of Coos Bay real estate have been secured, are expected to arrive here next week. The capitalists will look over the country and inspect the properties which have been put under option for them.

Chautauqua Proved Success.

Marshfield, Ore., July 20.—The Chautauqua which just closed in Marshfield was voted a success and before the management left arrangements were made for another Chautauqua here in 1917. Sufficient persons signed to guarantee the undertaking next season.

Recruiting at Marshfield.

Marshfield, Ore., July 20.—Corporal Hagen of the United States army has opened a recruiting office in this city to secure men for the army under the new program. His work is entirely separate from the efforts being made locally to bring about the organization of a branch of the Coast Artillery on Coos Bay.

Auto Traffic Attracts Suspicion.

Marshfield, Ore., July 20.—District Attorney Johnson of Curry county is investigating reports of large amounts of liquor being brought to the county seat, Gold Beach, and through that place. It is said that autos made trips to Crescent City, Cal., and brought back liquor by the wholesale. It is said that a number of witnesses will be examined by the district attorney. The distance from Gold Beach to Crescent City by auto is about 75 miles, but the road is good, and it is said that the route has been traveled much of late.

Eastern Trout Liberated.

Marshfield, Ore., July 20.—Frank Smith, superintendent of the Coos river hatchery, has started the liberation of 250,000 eastern brook trout. The

fish will be released in Coos river and other streams tributary to Coos Bay. The hatchery has been promised a big supply of trout eggs for next year to keep up the supply of game fish. This supply of fish is for the streams aside from the Tenmile lakes which will be supplied with fry from the state fish car.

\$25,000 Haul Made From Michigan Bank

Armed Bandits Overpower Cashier of the Bank of Alpha, Mich., and Escape with Large Amount.

Escanaba, Mich., July 20.—(U. P.)—Two armed bandits yesterday overpowered the cashier of the Bank of Alpha (Mich.), locked him in the vault and escaped with \$25,000.

Youth of 19, Kicked From Train, Killed

Unknown Boy, Presumably From Some Point in Oregon South of Portland, Dead at Freewater, Or.

Freewater, Or., July 20.—A youth of 19 years of age, name unknown, well dressed in blue serge, with a watch and chain but no identification marks, presumably from some town 60 miles south of Portland, was instantly killed about 9:30 this morning by being run over by a train. With two other men he was traveling "blind baggage."

According to Angelo Derundo and Sam Davis, a boy of 14 who saw his home in six miles from Pullman, Wash., the brakeman swore at them

and kicked the unknown man from the train and he was killed.

Coroner J. T. Brown of Pendleton, opened an inquest this morning with a jury consisting of D. C. Sanderson, foreman; A. B. Manella, W. S. Eaton, J. H. Brower, W. H. Coghill and J. W. Saling. The jury was unable to reach a verdict and the inquest has been continued until today when the train crew from Spokane will be present.

Deserted Woman Kills Paramour.

New York, July 20.—(U. P.)—Charles Rabico, a young Russian mechanic, was shot and killed by a woman supposed to be his common law wife, in the department of health offices here this afternoon.

"He deserted me and deserved it," she said.

Countess von Bernstorff Coming.

New York, July 20.—(U. P.)—Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the

German ambassador, will sail for this country from Copenhagen on August 17. She has not seen her husband since the war began.



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