

CITIES OF VALLEY ARE HEARD ON MATTER OF RATES TO COOS BAY

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CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

Railroad Officials, Attorneys and Citizens
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Eugene, Or., July 28.—An all-day session of the State Public Service commission was held at the courthouse in Eugene Thursday to hear the petition of the Southern Pacific company for the suspension of the long and short haul clause of the state statute of 1911 as applied to the Eugene-Coos Bay branch of the company's system.

Representatives of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, Marshallfield Chamber of Commerce, business men of Mapleton, Noti, Florence and Gardiner and the Salem Chamber of Commerce were in attendance to protest against the rates as recently published by the company which, it is claimed, will discriminate against the various cities represented.

Miller Indicates Views.
During the hearing Commissioner Frank J. Miller announced that the commission looks with disfavor upon the placing of arbitrary differentials on the Coos Bay line, when blanket rates have been extended to points on the Corvallis and Klamath and Tillamook branches. He said also that the commission cannot look with favor upon a rate that is unreasonably low any more than upon one that is unreasonably high.

Ben C. Jew, attorney for the company, in his opening statement said that the company is asking for relief from the long and short haul clause to enable the Willamette-Pacific to participate in traffic which moves into Coos bay, where water competition exists. He said that in getting up the rate schedule the company did so with no idea but to charge rates on a firm basis.

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Party Returns With Many Indian Relics

Members of Recently Organized Klamath Historical Association Find
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These beds, lying just across the California line in Modoc county, were the seat of the Modoc Indian war and have furnished many valuable relics during the past few years. Most of those found on the present trip were gathered along the receding shore of Tule lake, which is being drained by the United States reclamation service by diverting Lost river, which formerly flowed into it, into the Klamath river.

Water Does Injury In Aberdeen Store

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Aberdeen, Wash., July 28.—Goods valued at between \$6000 and \$10,000 were damaged during the night in the Golden Rule department store when someone carelessly or purposely left a faucet open on the floor above, flooding the store.

The drainage pipe was plugged, which leads to the belief that the act was deliberate.

Rain Ruins Hay Crop.

Aberdeen, Wash., July 28.—Continuing rain has spoiled thousands of tons of hay throughout the county. Little of the crop, it is stated, can be saved.

Militiamen Deny Poor Food Reports

Los Angeles, July 28.—(P. N. S.)—Denying reports that the state militiamen have not been given proper food at the border, letters were received here today from Battery A, California field artillery, which declare that the men have fared exceptionally well. One of the chamber of commerce, was signed by nearly every man and officer of the battery.

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