VALLEY MILLS CLAIM NORTHERN RATES ARE AN UNFAIR HANDICAP

Grays Marbor Lumbermen Have Decided Advantage in Bates Over

off from the lower rates of water Giving specific details of the rate western coast district.

This was the gist of the testicontinental lines before C. R. Mar-shall, attorney and examiner for the interstate commerce commission, in the federal court building today.

Eastern Territory Sought The territory in which rate relief is sought by the Willamette valley mills comprises Montana, Wyoming. mills comprises Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and a portion of Nebraska. Although similar conditions apply to the mar- not compete. kets of northern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, relief is not asked for these districts in this case, as all of these sections have local supply and to not depend upon coast shipments to fill requirements.

Willamette valley lumbermen, rosthearing on their business, gathered in was said that the most complete preheard in Oregon, so far as data are concerned, is being given. The lumbermen believe their testimony will be overwhelmingly in favor of re-adjustment of the rates when the matter comes before the commission for

Boads Unable to Agree

The hearling is a friendly one. For the divisions, and it was at the sug- other Coast group mills enjoy. estion of their attorneys that the matter was referred to the Interstate

west of the summit of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington to the Cal!fornia border are in what is designated as the Coast group and the long haul rates are based on this area as a unit.

The Willamette valley district, Mr. Donaldson testified, is in a district 140 miles long and 100 miles wide. it are 22 lumber mills. The longhaul in this district to Portland, "gateway," is 159 miles from na, while the shortest haul is Sherwood, 19 miles. The daily cut of the district averages 1,835,000 the yearly cut approximately 580,000,000 feet, which is about 21 per cent of the average annual cut

All the mills of the coast district have the same freight rates for territory along the Union Pacific and the district commonly called central andeastern territory. The complainant association mills the witness averred, however, were not accorded the same rate given other coast group mills in for the first time.

the northern territory, as above de-Portland Mills Wot Affected The hearing does not affect the Portland mills or the territory imediately contiguous, insentich as ortland is the "gateway" and her hippers have direct access to these orthern lines.

Over 55 per cent of the business of the Willamette valley mills, Mr. Don-aldson said, is done in the territory where all mills of the group have Friendly Hearing Is Under Way Before Examiner for Interstate Commission.

SHIPPERS GIVE FIGURES

equal rates. Very little business goes from the valley into the northern territory because of the rate discrimination, which amounts, roughly, to about a 25 per cent increase over tariffs paid by the other shippers.

For years, he said, the valley shippers have been exceedingly efficient in car loading, average car weights amounting to \$7,618 pounds, or nearly 33 1-3 per cent greater than average carloads from other sections of the country. The North Pacific mills, he testified, are the heaviest car loadqual rates. Very little business goes

testified, are the heaviest car loaders in the United States.

Pigures Presented by Chart Lumber mills of the Willamette val-ley, through their inland location, cut

transportation, altrough cutting 31 per disadvantage, Mr. Donaldson introcent of the annual production of the duced charts comparing shipments state, are doubly handicapped through from Mili City, Or., in the valley, and Hoquiam, Wash. Missouia, Mont., the descriminatory railroad rates that prevent them from entering the markets rate district, is 749 miles from Mili-served by the northern railroads on the City and 750 from Hoquiam. The Mili same basis as other mills of the north. City haul costs the shipper 47 cents per 100 pounds, and the Hoquiam lum-

berman 35 cents per hundred. Showing the amount of business mony given by F. G. Donaldson, traf-fic manager and secretary of the said the annual shipments of all lumcarried into the northern territory, he Willamette Valley Lumbermen's as- ber amounted to 51,600 cars. All of sociation, in opening the case against this does not come from the coast, but the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, the latter gets a large share of the Burlington and other northern trans- business. But the Willamette valley mills get only a small share of this

Excluded From Sound Giving another instance of alleged rade discrimination, Mr. Donaldson said that in 1913, some 8000 cars of lumber were carried into Canada from were sent from the Willamette valley mills, simply because the latter could

Anticipating that the railroads, i their testimony, would claim that the increase was due to the fact that ship ments into this Northern territory no s, transfer of the freight to three separate lines, witness claimed deliveries ising the tremendous import of this could be made to the Portland gateway and transferred once to the Northern large numbers for the hearing, and it lines, making virtually all shipments only "two line" hauls. As against this sentation of any lumber case every he showed where other Coast group mills were making three and even four line transfer shipments into the equal

Realizing the vast importance to Mt. Angel to connect with the Wil- to kill Loynes, the man declares, lamette Valley Southern (controlled by While neither Deputy District Attortwo years the railroads have been lamette Valley Southern (controlled by While neither Deputy District Attorbut have been unable to agree upon into Portland for the equal rate that Stadter placed much credence in the

In railroad rate making, all points Russia Is Formally

The formal pledge of the new Russian him, was the asserti-Boris Bakhmetieff.

Details of the momentous meeting were not divulged but it is known that the envoy in most vigorous fash-ion denied any possibility of Russia concluding a separate peace with Ger-many and her allies.

Spiller Hall Remodeled

Eugene, Or., Sept. 20 .- Mary Spiller

Mills Give Assurance That They Will Rush Production of Boxes to Meet Needs.

Through the efforts of J. B. Knapp, personal representative of U. S. Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover, trator W. B. Ayer, the 6,000,000 shortage of apple boxes for the northwest crop is now practically a solved problem. Only the immediate cooperation of individual applegrowers is now needed, according to Mr. Knapp, to straighten out the difficulties of the situation and insure delivery of sufficient boxes to take care of the mammoth crop when it is harvested. With a supply of 2,500,000 already mobilized for October 15 delivery, and the assurance of the mills that they

will keep box production up to full capacity if advance orders are received, Mr. Knapp said this morning that it is now up to the individual growers to place their orders through the federal food administrator's office without delay, not only that they may obtain the boxes needed, but so that the orders may be distributed from the production sources in such a way as minimum transportation charges.

Counter Accusations Made in Warrants

Deputy Coroner Charged With Enticing Girl Into Office-Complainant Acoused of Making Threat to Mill.

R. J. Loynes, deputy coroner, and 1908.

Mrs. Carrie Eaton, 291 Third street, The lecture will be the story of the swore out warrants against each other six attempts made by Miss Peck to child told her Loynes had offered her nickel to enter.

According to the deputy coroner's version, the child accosted him on the sidewalk, asking for a nickel. He says he refused and that the girl followed him into his office. Mrs. Eaton, he the Northern district trade, the mill of says, entered a moment later, and the the Silver Falls Timber company at child hid behind a door, later stepping Silverton, witness said, was planning out into view. Shortly afterward the to spend \$100,000 in building a line woman drew a revolver and threatened

charge, the officials expect to investigate the matter in municipal court. The girl is the same one who acted man attended the Portland academy as prosecuting witness against D. S. here and was captain of the track Wright, indicted July 26 for statutory

Pledged to Remain offense. Wright was indicted upon the evidence given by Mrs. Eaton. That the Washington, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)— charges brought against Loynes are no more true than the charges against republic to remain in the war until oner in the county jail today.

German autocracy is crushed, was laid. The story Wright told at the time before Secretary of State Lansing this of his preliminary hearing is approxiate moon by the Russian ambassador. mately the same as is given by Deputy Coroner Loynes.

American Engineer Accidentally Killed

Washington, Sept. 20.—(I. N. S.)— The accidental death, September 3, of Hall, the women's dormitory at the a member of the engineering forces University of Oregon, is being remodelled so that the first floor may be used for the new department of household arts which will be added to the course of instruction this year mond Harris of Bridgeport, Conn. No mond Harris of Bridgeport, Conn. No details were given.

Prof. Hough Speaks At Epworth Rally

Duty of Members of League in Time of War Is Set Porth-Speaks Today Before Progressive Business Men.

"With 150,000 members of our Ep-worth League probably under arms in a short time, there are three things which each member must fix clear in mind," said Professor Lynn Harold Hough of the Northwestern university at Chicago, speaking before the Epr worth Leagus rally Wednesday eve-ning at the Centenary Methodist Epis-copal church.

"We must get a clear conception of this as the greatest war for the common man that has ever been fought; by the work of those who go and the work of those who stay must the loyworking with Federal Food Adminis- alty of the league be expressed. The men who go must see to it that they represent Christ just' as loyally as they represent the colors."

Dr. Hough's lecture was on the subject, "The Epworth League in Battle Array," under the auspices of the national war council of the Y. M. C. A Today he spoke on "The American Voter" before the Progressive Business Men's club at luncheon, at which members of the Methodist Men's So-

Woman Traveler to Lecture in Library

Miss Annie S. Peck, Who Beached Summit of Mount Russeavan in South America, to Tell Story.

Under the auspices of the Mazamss Miss Annie S. Peck, mountaineer and traveler in South America, will give a ecture in the assembly hall of the Central library at 8 o'clock Monday

Miss Peck will speak on "The Conwill be illustrated with 100 slides. A mountaineer, Miss Peck has estab lished an unequaled record for her sex, With her own party she finally succeeded in attaining the summit of Huascaran, 21,812 feet, in September,

Wednesday. Mrs. Eaton charges that climb this monster peak. There are Loynes enticed her 9-year-old daughter mountains in South America higher into the coroner's office Monday evening. She charged that she entered have been ascended, and in the climb the office and found her daughter be- of this peak Miss Peck has gained hind a door. She said also that the the highest point yet attained in the western hemisphere. For this exploit she was presented with complimentary resclutions and a gold medal by the Peruvian government.

The lecture will also include an ac-Sorata in Bolivia. The lecture will be free. It is the first of a series of educational enter tainments of the winter.

Aviator Visits Parents Robert Fithian of the United States aviation corps is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Fithian at 266 North Twenty-fifth street. The young

team during the season of 1912. He later was graduated from Stanford university and has recently been a student at the Berkeley School of Aeronautics. He is now awaiting orders to report at a finishing school in the east or in Europe.

Firebugs Destroy Plant Wilmington, Del., Sept. 20 .- (I. 3 S.)-Firebugs, thought to be German agents, caused the total destruction of the Atlantic Canning company's plant at Rohoboth today. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

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