

# RATES OF U. P. THROTTLE IDAHO, GOODING CHARGES

Washington, Dec. 19.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—What the Union Pacific has throttled the state of Idaho with high freight rates, used a closed door policy, "never hauls empty cars in any direction when it is possible to avoid it" and is extravagant in its management, are charges made by Senator Frank R. Gooding in recent testimony before the interstate commerce commission.

He said that "no greater crime was ever committed than when horizontal rates were ordered on all freight rates," which he added he is sure were not required to secure a fair return and Idaho cannot be relied, he asserted, by allowing the Union Pacific to add to its monopoly the control of the Central Pacific, or leaving the Central where it may be dominated by that road.

**CITES VARIOUS RATES.**

He cited rates on grain, fruit, wool, lumber, livestock, hay and other products and said:

"If these excessive rates were necessary to give the railroads that serve Idaho a fair return on their investment, I would be the last one to complain, but an investigation into the earnings of the three roads that serve Idaho, the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and O-W. R. & N., shows fully

that these rates are not necessary." He then reviewed the capital accounts of the roads, stating that in 20 years their investments have aggregated \$453,328,000 and their stocks and bonds have increased \$259,749,000, an increase of \$208,783,000 in investment as compared with securities, which he said undoubtedly came from earnings, while in the same period \$501,150,000 was paid in dividends and \$216,301,000 was accumulated as surplus. Comparing the addition to stocks and bonds with surplus, he said the difference of \$23,447,000 only could be designated as "new money."

**TRANSFORMS COW TRAILS**

"In other words," he continued, "these companies that serve Idaho have been built up from railroads that were little better than a cow trail 20 or 25 years ago into a great continental railroad. All the heavy grades have been eliminated where possible, practically every mile of the Union Pacific has been double-tracked, the Short Line has been developed and improved and part of it double tracked. The same can be said of the O-W. R. & N.

"I am neither a statistician nor a railroad man, but I have lived a pretty full life in Idaho, and during those years I have seen much of the operations of the Oregon Short Line. For the last few years, it seems to me there has been reckless extravagance. While labor was high and scarce it was then that the Short Line seemed to want to do the greatest amount of rebuilding and construction, as no doubt they had a right to do if they wanted to, but it all worked a hardship on the farmers."

He said that the Union Pacific knows the desperate condition of agriculture in Idaho, the bank failures and the privations of the people, but is fighting to the last ditch to prevent a reduction in rates, and to give the Central Pacific over to that road would "blast the last hope that is left in the hearts of the people of Idaho today."

# MERE MAN SLAVE TO FASHION, SO AUTHORESS SAYS

**Maude Meagher Holds Masculine Sex Up to Scorn for Following the Mode.**

(By Universal Service)

London, Dec. 19.—Is man a slave to fashion? Or is it woman who is in bondage to style?

A well known British writer, Maude Meagher, laughs at the idea that women are bound by the conventions of set styles, and insists that fashion is woman's slave instead. In a recent article she says:

"Of all the pompous prejudices that prop the self-esteem of men and make the shoulders of indulgent women shake with laughter, probably the most humorous is this: Women are the slaves of fashion.

"Women are free. They range the world over in search of whatever odd adornments suit their fancy. It is men who are bound, handcuffed and gagged by a fashion that puts blinkers on them and a ball and chain about their ankles.

"The tall boots of the Russian and the bright beads of the Moor, the gaudy shawls of the Spaniard or the embroidered broderies of the Bavarian peasant, are

all adopted by woman if they appeal to her, and cast aside when she tires of them. Is not fashion slave to woman, traveling the earth like a genie of Aladdin's lamp to find objects for her pleasure?

"It is on man that fashion takes revenge for all she suffers from the capricious commands of woman.

"Man is held in the manacles of fashion and chained inexorably to the will of convention. Before his commands he is a coward and a slave.

"What man would dare to wear a scarlet waistcoat to the office in these gray November days that cry aloud for color? What man would dare to deck the funeral blackness of his tail hat with a flaming band of crimson? A flock of color in his homely tweeds is looked upon with suspicion by his associates.

"A colored handkerchief he is allowed, but imagine the effect of a graceful sash, hanging with fringed edges to his knees!

"It may be that this rigid conformity to the dull livery that fashion makes him wear, with only the occasional timorous defiance of socks of forbidden colors, or a brilliant tie—it may be that this miserable servitude to dull and uninteresting tweed and serge has, like the hair shirts old penitents wore, a salutary effect on men's souls.

"It may be that the unrestrained imagination that woman puts into her clothes, their color, their shape and their shortness, it may be that this is the cause as well as the effect of her frivolity, her light-headedness, her capriciousness.

"It may be that. Or it may be a sign of her freedom, her courage and her cosmopolitan instincts.

"Let us consider before we name women slaves that no self-respecting Englishman dare depart from what every other Englishman wears—five full cylinders, two long ones for the legs, two for the arms, and a broad one buttoned round for a coat."

# COMMISSION URGES CUT IN ASSESSMENT

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It is also proposed in the recommendation of the committee to have a survey and classification of lands made and a cruise of timber for assessment purposes.

**EFFECT DISAGREES**

Another recommendation is strict financial supervision of the expenditure of public funds. A statistical department is to be created in the office of the secretary of state, which will have jurisdiction over all tax subdivisions of the state, including school and road districts. The tax supervising and conservation commission now vested in Multnomah county is to have its counterpart in every county of the state. Counties will be required to have a uniform system of accountancy and provision is to be made to see that after a county budget is adopted it is lived up to.

In the matter of taxing natural resources the committee will recommend that no severance tax be imposed on lumber, taking the view that it would be a handicap on the lumber industry in competing markets. This recommendation of the committee was voted against by Governor-elect Pierce, who is in favor of a severance tax and will probably so recommend in his message to the legislature.

**DEEDS TO SHOW TRUE VALUE**

As to waterpower sites the committee will recommend that all filings be cancelled after a certain date and that no new ones be accepted unless it is shown that a re-forestation is to follow. To encourage reforestation, it is proposed that no tax be levied on timber until after it has matured and is ready for market.

To assist assessors in arriving at the true value of property, it will be suggested that a law be passed requiring that all deeds show the true consideration received. It is also suggested that inheritance taxes be paid into the irrevocable school fund.

A subject to which the committee gave much consideration was that of a tax on gross incomes of public service corporations.

Incidental to this was the question of a separation of sources of income for state purposes, so that money on which to run the state could be had from other sources than general property tax, such as a tax on gross incomes of public service corporations, tax on net incomes of business corporations and partnerships and personal income tax.

It was concluded that the time was hardly ripe for a tax on gross incomes or the separation of sources of income. The committee recommended against changing the present system and there was a revaluation of all the property of the state and until it could be determined how much revenue could be derived from taxes on incomes, personal and corporate.

**SILENT ON LIMITATION**

The retention of the present system of licensing automobiles and taxing gasoline is asked for.

In view of the growing delinquent lists, the committee will recommend that delinquent property be taken over by the state and held for redemption a long time.

In the matter of irrigation bonds, it will be the recommendation of the committee that if the present policy of the state, guaranteeing interest, is to be continued, measures should be adopted to give greater sale value to securities.

No suggestion will be made by the committee about tax limitation. It is the conclusion that this can only be done by wider distribution of property and increase of number of taxpayers and broader education in economics and the duties of citizenship.

ant to plead further after court had overruled demurrer to complaint, involving compulsory asking adjoining of foreclosure. Opinion by Justice Harris. Judge George O. Elingham reversed and case remanded.

W. J. Cas vs. J. L. McKinnis, appellant; appeal from Union county; suit to recover money. Opinion by Justice Harris; Judge J. W. Knowles affirmed.

W. H. Laam vs. Mary L. Green, appellant; appeal from Baker county; suit for damages. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge Gustav Anderson affirmed.

About 20 lumber mills are operating full blast in the vicinity of Colville and most of them will run all winter.

# Labor and Farmer Party Opposed to Progressive Action

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(U. N. S.)—The Farmer-Labor party of the United States is not in sympathy with the conference for progressive political legislation, held in Cleveland December 11 and 12. That was the tone of a statement issued here today by J. G. Brown, secretary of the Farmer-Labor party.

"The conference definitely and de-

clatvely turned its back on independent political action by the agricultural and industrial workers through a party of their own," Brown said.

**VACATION DRAWS NEAR**

Mount Angel College, St. Benedict, Dec. 19.—Christmas vacation will begin Wednesday noon, Rev. Victor Rasser, O. S. B., rector of Mount Angel college, announced, students returning Wednesday evening, January 1.

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# WOMAN JURY LAW IS HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

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politically," the opinion points out; "and there is no reason to question their eligibility upon constitutional grounds.

The reason for requiring cases of the character of the present to be tried before a jury composed partly of women rests upon the highest consideration of public policy and humanity. Any one who has occupied the circuit bench and seen a poor, frightened girl, a stranger to a court room, forced to detail the facts in regard to her injury or shame to a jury composed of strange men has felt that the presence of a few of the mothers of children in the jury box would be more in accordance with humanity and justice.

"The claim that the statute is in violation of the constitution is not predicated upon the argument that it is unconstitutional to permit women to sit upon juries, a practice not now unusual in several of the states, but it is claimed that by allowing women summoned to serve upon the panel to decline such service, making it thereby optional with the person served to attend or not, the enactment of 1921 destroys the compulsory nature of jury duty and in some way not clearly explained by counsel deprives a party of a fair and impartial jury.

**RIGHTS NOT INVADIED**

"While in the opinion of the writer it would have been better policy if the statute had specified the grounds upon which a woman could be excused from jury duty, such as necessity of caring for her family or the like, we think there is no invasion of the constitutional rights of a defendant in permitting the service upon a jury by women to be largely voluntary. The right of a defendant is to have a fair and impartial jury and if the statute gives him this he has no reason to complain if it permits women to excuse themselves from service.

"From their physical constitution as well as from the nature of their duties and occupations, women have many reasons for not wishing to serve or being required to serve upon juries which do not apply to male jurors and some of these are such as a delicate woman would hesitate to specify in court or even to a judge.

"We hold the section questioned constitutional and approve the court's construction of it," Justice McBride concludes.

**OTHER OPINIONS GIVEN**

Other opinions were handed down by the court today as follows:

E. J. Fisher vs. J. C. Bayer, trustee, et al, appellant; appeal from Wasco county; objections to cost bill. Opinion by Justice Brown. Objections sustained in part.

W. F. Homan, trustee, vs. W. H. Decittie, trustee in bankruptcy, et al, appellant; appeal from Malheur county; suit to foreclose on city lots in Ontario. Opinion by Justice Brown. Burnett. Judge Dalton Biggs affirmed.

S. R. Pierson vs. Marguerite I. Richards, et al, appellant; appeal from Marion county; appeal from decree rendered upon return of defend-

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