

SWEEPING CUT IS MADE IN O. R. & N. RATES

A Salem dispatch gives the following review of the reduction in freight rates in the state of Oregon, in accordance with the order of the railroad commission:

Based on the findings that there is no increase in the present commodity rates between Portland and points in the state of Oregon either by way of cancellation of present commodity rates or direct increase, the railroad commission today gave its decision in the case of the Portland Chamber of Commerce against the O. R. & N. Company, in which a sweeping reduction is made in the distributive rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles, but the rates between Portland and The Dalles are not disturbed. The plaintiff is given permission to reopen the proceedings should it see fit.

The reduction of rates is made upon the following basis, according to class:

"Between Portland and points east of The Dalles within the state of Oregon the first-class rates should be ascertained as follows: Reduce the present rates by an amount equal to one-sixth of the difference between 25 cents (the rate to The Dalles) and the present first class rate to such point. For instance, the present first class rate to Umatilla is 85 cents. The difference between The Dalles rate, 25 cents, and the Umatilla rate, 85 cents, is 60 cents. Deduct one-sixth, or 10 cents, which makes the new rate 75 cents.

"The other class rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles should bear the same relation to the first class as in the distance tariff, namely, 1-100, 2-85, 3-70, 4-60, 5-50, A-50, B-40, C-30, D-25, E-20 per cent of first class. Present rates should not be exceeded on any class. This will necessitate a shading of the old tariff into the new for about 15 miles east of The Dalles.

"A reasonable time should be allowed to prepare and file new tariffs, and the 10 days' notice required by law should be waived.

"Of course the order herein must be confined to the rates put in issue—the class rates between Portland and points in Oregon. During the hearing and argument it was contended that if reductions were to be made in the class rates attacked in this proceeding, the same reductions should be made in the distance tariff and the stipulated commodity rates within Oregon.

"To this proposition we agree and we recommend that the defendant make similar adjustment of its dis-

ance tariff and the various stipulated commodity rates, such as grain and wool in the state of Oregon. As those rates were not at issue in this proceeding, we can now only ask whether the recommendation for an adjustment of the distance and commodity tariffs will be followed voluntarily."

O. R. & N. Will Fight.
The Portland Oregonian says of the sweeping order of the railroad commission:

It is expected that the findings of the commission will be made the basis of litigation on the part of the railroad company positively to test the powers of the railroad commission which, under the act by which it was created, is authorized to fix rates.

The members of the commission were cautious and thorough in their investigation of the complaint of excessive freight charges. It is said the commissioners feel confident that their findings will be found to be fair and reasonable and such as cannot be considered an arbitrary exercise of the authority with which they are clothed.

Basis of the Case.
The case to be decided is known as the "distributive rate case," the complaint against the O. R. & N. having been preferred by the Chamber of Commerce, which alleged that the charges exacted by the railroad for transporting merchandise and commodities over its main and branch lines between Portland and points along its system were "excessive, unjust and unreasonable."

It was also charged in the complaint that except for short distances where water competition tends to control the rates, the charges from Portland to points within the state on several classes are from 35 to 115 per cent higher a ton on a mile basis than are the class rates westbound from various jobbing centers for equal distances under substantially similar conditions and circumstances over the lines of other competing systems.

This and other allegations in the complaint were substantiated in the main by the testimony of shippers and jobbers of this city who were called as witnesses by the Chamber of Commerce at the hearing of the complaint before the commission.

In its complaint the Chamber of Commerce referred to the fact of the remarkable earnings of the O. R. & N. and the further fact that the corporation had not made any material changes in its tariffs for a number of years.

These were held to be in them-

selves adequate reasons for asking that the tariffs be readjusted. Figures were presented by the complainants showing that the gross earnings of the defendant railroad company increased from \$1,677,924 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, to \$11,513,135 for the year ending June 30, 1906.

In the same length of time receipts from other sources increased from \$50,580 to \$783,138. Operating expenses advanced from \$2,779,947 in 1897 to \$5,840,844 in 1906, while net earnings increased in the nine years from \$1,949,457 to \$6,855,534.

The earnings of the company for the same period were segregated as follows: Freight earnings, \$3,109,750 to \$8,178,196, or an increase per mile from \$2593 to \$7232; passenger, mail, express earnings from \$1,029,670 to \$3,576,588, or an increase per mile from \$715.59 to \$2742. During the same period the number of tons per freight train mile increased from 183.27 to 449.5. At the same time the percentage of operating expenses to earnings decreased from 54.37 per cent to 49.03 per cent.

At the hearing of the complaint Mr. Teal, for the Chamber of Commerce, declared that the above figures had been jangled in the interest of the railroad. He contended that in addition to the surplus there had been expended between 1897 and 1906 and charged to operating expenses direct, the following items: For maintenance of road and construction, \$12,210,623; for maintenance of equipment, \$6,306,789.

Allowing expenditures for insurance, a depreciation fund and other items that were charged to profit and loss, Mr. Teal declared that the company still had on hand enough money to wipe out all of its bonds and nearly all of its preferred stock.

The strong point sought to be established by the Chamber of Commerce at the hearing of the complaint which was held November 4 to 8 last, was, notwithstanding the great increase in the company's surplus and the decreased cost of operation, the charges exacted for transportation of merchandise and commodities of all kinds under the distributive rates in effect from Portland to points within the state reached by the defendant company's system had been reduced only slightly and remained substantially the same as they had been for years. It was contended that the company's object in maintaining its excessive charges was to return to the corporation an unreasonable and unjust profit upon the capital actually invested.

Announcements of Candidates

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

C. A. Barrett
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

L. L. Mann

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

C. W. Steen

For Umatilla and Morrow counties. Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

T. J. Mahoney

Candidate for Republican nomination for **STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONER**. A practical railroad man. Stands for enforcement of the law, proper inspection of railroads; equitable rates.

C. C. LOUCKS

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for re-election as district attorney, sixth judicial district, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election, April 17, 1908.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

G. W. Phelps

I hereby announce my candidacy for the re-nomination, at the primary election to be held April 17, 1908, for sheriff.

FOR SHERIFF.

T. D. Taylor

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

Frank Saling

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Geo. W. Bradley

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY CORONER.

Ralph Folsom

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Chas. W. Wall

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Horace Walker
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

A. H. Sunderman

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination, at the coming primary election, to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

J. Hudemann

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the approval of the people at the primaries, April 17.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Joe Bailey

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination by the Democratic party, at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER.

John Q. Peebler

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Frank K. Welles

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

RECORDED OF CONVEYANCES.

Fred W. Hendley

Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held on April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER.

Chas. E. Macomber

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RAISED 4,768,506 BUSHEL OF WHEAT

WALLA WALLA COUNTY'S YIELD FOR 1907

Total Number Bushels Raised Reached Approximately Five Million—Farmers Have Sold at an Average of 70 Cents and Income Is Estimated at \$3,337,954.20—Some Wheat Still Unsold But Most of It Has Been Shipped.

According to figures compiled today in the local railroad offices of Walla Walla, the total wheat crop of Walla Walla county is 4,768,506 bushels for the season beginning July 1, 1907, and ending June 30, 1908. The total number of bushels of barley raised amounts to 575,646, says the Walla Walla Bulletin.

For some time past railroad officials have been busy in compiling these figures, but not until today have they been in such shape that any announcement could be made. These figures extend only to Walla Walla county, figures from the adjoining counties being eliminated.

While this figure does not reach the expectations of many wheatmen, who stated last fall that the crop would run over the 5,000,000 mark, the crop of the present season easily surpasses any other, for the reason that the grade has been much better on an average, according to grain buyers. The price has also been good, and it is claimed by many that the wheat crop of 1907 and 1908 has brought more money into Walla Walla county than any previous season.

The fact that a large amount of barley was raised this season, is probably one cause as to why the number of bushels of wheat raised did not surpass the figures of last season. Barley has been found to be one of the most profitable crops that can be raised in the inland empire and the number of acres reserved to barley is steadily increasing from year to year.

The wheat crop of this county has been sold for an average of 70 cents per bushel, according to a great many wheat men of this city. According to this, Walla Walla county farmers have received approximately \$3,337,954.20 for their crop. While many farmers sold their crops for a figure ranging around 65 cents per bushel, a great many more sold for about 75 cents per bushel, and 70 cents a bushel is only approximate, it is conceded to be a fair figure, and is probably as exact as it is possible to obtain.

Most of this wheat has already been moved by the railroads, but there are still many thousands of bushels in the warehouses. Figures as to the exact amount shipped are not obtainable, as much wheat which has been sold is still unmoved.

There is nothing better than Kodol for dyspepsia, indigestion, sour stomach, belching of gas and nervous headache. It digests what you eat. Sold by Tallman & Co.

LAST OF FAMOUS QUARTETTE.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Only Survivor of Four Old Time Orators.

There have been in recent years four speakers of the house who made themselves individually felt to a greater degree than other men who have presided over the tumultuous sessions of a lower branch of congress. They were Schuyler Colfax, James G. Blaine, Thomas B. Reed and Joseph G. Cannon, says Raymond in the Chicago Tribune.

It is only a coincidence that two of these men