

FREIGHT RATES TO PENDLETON REDUCED

CITY WILL GET BENEFIT
OF 14 PER CENT CUT

New Schedule Will Go in Effect Sunday, March 20—Comes in Response to Decision of Supreme Court—Due to Efforts of Railway Commission.

Pendleton will have the benefit of a 14 per cent cut in freight rates from Portland on and after Sunday, March 20, according to an announcement from Portland. The cut is made in response to the recent decision of the state supreme court which dissolved the injunction the railroad company had secured restraining the state railroad commission from compelling them to put such a reduction in effect.

This case was started in July, 1907, when the Portland chamber of commerce filed a complaint with the state railroad commission. After a hearing which occurred on July 20, 1907, the commission ordered the road to make the reductions. The case was appealed and the controversy has been pending, either before the railroad commission or the courts of the state for nearly three years.

Case Not Definitely Settled.
Whether this action will finally end the controversy is unknown, for it is understood that the railroad company still has recourse to higher courts. The recent decision of Judge Wolverton in the case, however, dissolves the injunction restraining the commission from compelling the company to inaugurate the new rates, and the action by the company is in accordance therewith.

In issuing the new rates it is necessary for the railroad company to republish in its entirety its local tariff. By regulation of the Interstate Commerce commission, supplements to tariffs are limited to 25 per cent of the original tariff, and the right to issue supplements to the local tariff has been exhausted.

The local tariff, which is a volume of 55 pages, covers interstate as well as intrastate traffic, and it was therefore necessary to get permission from the Interstate Commerce commission to dispense with the statutory 30 days' notice. This permission has been given, and the work of preparing the tariff sheets is under way. The reduction in rates will not apply to Washington or Idaho business, that feature of the contention raised by the chamber of commerce being now under consideration by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The chamber of commerce in its original complaint filed in 1907, alleged that the charges exacted by the O. R. & N. for transporting all kinds of merchandise and commodities under the class rates as set forth in its tariff were excessive, unjust and unreasonable; that except for short distances where water competition tends to control rates, the rates from Portland to points within the state on a number of classes were from 35 to 115 per cent higher on a per-ton-per-mile basis than were the class rates westbound from various under substantially similar conditions and circumstances over the lines of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

Unreasonable Return Charged.
It was alleged that the charges provided an unreasonable return on the investment, and could be reduced and still leave a large profit on intrastate business.

After a hearing the railroad commission ordered a reduction of first-class rates between Portland and all points east of The Dalles by an amount equal to one-sixth of the difference between The Dalles rate (25 cents) and the existing first class rate to each of such points, and to reduce all other class rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles so that they would bear the same relation to the first class rate, as is provided in the company's distance tariff.

As stated, this reduction is equivalent to rates about 14 per cent less than existing rates.

The order was made effective May 12, 1908, but on that date the O. R. & N. Co. filed a bill in the circuit court of the United States asking for a restraining order and injunction. In this complaint it was alleged that the

railway commission act violated the state constitution; that the order of the commission attempted to regulate interstate commerce, and that the rates ordered, if put in effect, would prevent the company from making fair net earnings on its investment.

Act's Constitutionality Upheld.

A decision was not given in the federal court until last September, when Judge Wolverton sustained a demurrer interposed by the commission, upheld the constitutionality of the railway commission act and found the showing of the railroad company for a preliminary injunction wholly insufficient.

The restraining order therefore entered was continued in force, however, pending the filing of an amended complaint. The amended complaint was filed by the company and also attacked by demurrer. The demurrer was sustained by Judge Wolverton a few days ago.

While the higher rates have been in effect since May 12, 1908, a heavy bond was given by the railroad company to secure the repayment of any excess sums collected during the dependency of the restraining order. Apparently shippers who have preserved evidence of paying the higher rate since May 12, 1908, are entitled to a refund of the excess above the reduced rate from the railroad company.

Word a Dollar a Drop.

Fred Patchen, Manlius, N. Y., writes—"For a long time I was affected with kidney trouble which caused an almost constant pain in my back and inflammation in my bladder. Other remedies did not even relieve me, but two fifty cent bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy completely cured me and I have not had any symptoms of kidney trouble for over two years. Koeppen Bros.

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN TO BE RUN FOR FARMERS' BENEFIT

Portland, Ore.—The most thoroughly equipped farming demonstration train ever run in this state will be operated through eastern Oregon by the O. R. & N. company from March 21 to April 1. The railroad is acting in conjunction with the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis, and a competent corps of lecturers on all agricultural subjects will accompany the train, deliver addresses and demonstrate the agricultural apparatus carried. The train will visit Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. The purpose of the trip is to encourage diversified farming and to further the improvement of agricultural methods and country life conditions in the territory visited.

Great good is expected to result from the trip. Subjects to be discussed, according to the needs of the different localities visited, are the following: Poultry, dairying, horticulture, more and better livestock, chemistry of the soil, rotation of crops, conservation of moisture and general agricultural methods. All told, 30 towns will be visited and lectures and demonstrations will be given in each. The best farming apparatus and methods will be taught by demonstration as well as in theoretical lectures.

A Night Alarm.
Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the metallic cough of croup bringing dread to the household. Careful mothers keep Foley's Honey and Tar in the house and give it at the first sign of danger. Foley's Honey and Tar has saved many little lives and is the only safe preparation for children as it contains no opiates. Koeppen Bros.

A SLAVONIC LEAGUE.

King Ferdinand Is Father of Amalgamation Scheme.

St. Petersburg—Foremost among the tokens of the new political conditions of Europe which are now cropping up on every side are the persistent endeavors to organize a Slavonic League and a Balkan Federation. At the present moment certain representatives of Bulgarians, Austrians and Slavs are in St. Petersburg concerting with Russians and Poles regarding ways and means for holding a Slav congress at Sofia.

King Ferdinand's recent "botanical" excursion to Serbia, where he met the crown prince and his subsequent interview with King Peter lend color to the rumor that an amalgamation of Slavs, however far from being consummated, is making perceptible headway.

The visit to St. Petersburg of King

Ferdinand adds materially to the hopes as yet vague and unmeasured, which inspire the Slav party in its combat against the Germans. It gives heart even to the fragmentary nationalities of the Hapsburg monarchy. King Ferdinand is a shrewd latter-day realist, whose designs are unhampered by idealism of thought or sentimentality of feeling. If he cultivates cordial relations with the Northern Empire it is because he believes that Russia may be on the winning side next inning. Hence his visit is contemplated by politicians of central Europe with mixed feelings of eager curiosity.

King Ferdinand has chosen a psychological moment for his visit. Bulgaria's representative at the Slav gathering here attracted attention by a passage in his speech announcing that Russia might rely on Bulgaria's carrying out all the clauses of the San Stefano treaty, and even occupying Salonika and Constantinople for the good of the Slav cause. No doubts are entertained that the realization of this expansion scheme forms an integral part of Bulgaria's conception of the future of the Balkan Peninsula.

Coughs That Hang On.

Coughs that start in the fall and hang on until spring are sure trouble breeders unless checked and cured. Bronchitis, pneumonia and consumption are the direct result. Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough, stops the hard breathing and heals and soothes the inflamed air passages. Refuse substitutes. Koeppen Bros.

GERMAN ADMIRAL WANTS MORE IRONCLADS BUILT

Berlin.—High Admiral Von Koster, the president of the German Navy League, addressed a meeting of the Bavarian branch of the league at Munich last Sunday. His speech was directed against the advocates of so-called "small" warfare, who contend that the German Admiralty should pay more attention to the construction of small vessels for defensive purposes than to large ironclads. Admiral Von Koster pointed out that Germany has greater aims than the mere defense of her territory. She wishes to expand, to find markets overseas for her industries, to develop her colonies, and to increase her mercantile marine; and all this needs protection. Everything points, declared the admiral, to the necessity of increasing the active strength of the navy, and he concluded with the following appeal:

"Let us continue to develop our armament on land and on water in all honor. It is costly, but it carries us forward. After careful consideration the German people voted for the navy act, and since it came into force our national wealth has increased by at least \$5,000,000,000—that is, by \$500,000,000 per year—and our population by 8,000,000 souls. We have again become great merchants, and you here in the south of our Fatherland have been brought much closer to the seas which unite everything."

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Every day, as we unpack and handle and admire the new Spring Suits and Dresses, we marvel at the beauty of them—the fineness of the fabrics, the daintiness of the colorings, the smartness of the cuts, the extreme grace of line, the wonderfully artistic and correct tailoring that distinguishes them.

Truly, unless you want the impossible in a Suit or Frock, we can satisfy you. In many years of broad buying, we've never before touched the elegance which characterizes this season's gowns. All the "shoppy" elements have vanished into thin air. The individual grace of the garments lifts them quite out of the atmosphere of the "ready-made" and gives them the charm and distinctiveness of products achieved by one's own tailor under one's own inspiration of taste and fancy.

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