

PORTLAND COMES OUT VICTOR IN RATE CASE; LOWER CHARGE FIXED

Rates From Points South of Snake River Are Found Prejudicial; Reductions Announced; Contentions are Upheld.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Portland came out victorious yesterday in the main issues of the Portland rate case as decided by the interstate commerce commission. Summoned up briefly there were five separate findings in the decision:

First—The inland Empire Shippers' league case was dismissed.
Second—The rates on classes and commodities from points in the inland empire to Portland were found not unreasonable.
Some Rates Approved
Third—Rates on classes and commodities from points in the inland empire north of the Snake river to Portland were found not unjustly prejudicial.

Fourth—Rates on classes from points in the inland empire south of the Snake river to Portland and Vancouver were found unjustly prejudicial insofar as they exceed rates to Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma reduced by the following differentials: Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and A, B, C, D, E, on which the corresponding reductions in cents are 10 cents, 5 cents, 7 cents, 4 cents, 5 cents, 5 cents, 5 cents, 3 cents, 2 cents and 2 cents.
This finding means that whatever first-class rate may be made from points south of the Snake river to Seattle, the rate to Portland would be 10 cents less, the second-class rate 5 cents and so on down to class E.

Victory Is For Portland.

Fifth—Rates on commodities from points in the inland Empire south of the Snake river were found unjustly prejudicial insofar as they exceeded 90 per cent of the rates on light commodities to Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma. It follows, therefore, that whatever commodities rates are made from this territory to Seattle, the rate to Portland will be 10 per cent less on the same commodities.

FIFTY-TWO FIRES, TWO OF IMPORTANCE, VISIT PENDLETON DURING 1919

Twenty Nine Blaze-starters, From Clothes Boiling Dry on Stove to Smoking in Clothes Cleaning Establishment, Blamed.

Fifty-two fires, entailing a total loss of \$93,220, visited Pendleton during 1919. Of this number only two are classified by Chief W. E. Ringold in his annual report as of much importance. The report was read and ordered filed last night before the city council.
Only two alarms during the year were false. Fourteen alarms came over the alarm system and 25 came in by telephone. It required the laying of 23,400 feet of hose to fight the 52 fires.
Equipment Worth \$12,765.
Equipment belonging to the fire department at present is valued at \$12,765 in the chief's inventory of stock. The motor truck and auto of Combination Hose Company No. 1 are valued at \$3,555. Materials at the other station is placed at \$200. There are 4190 feet of hose in service at this time whose total value is placed at \$9000.
The only recommendation of the fire chief is that the matter of a truck for the department be given serious consideration. He says that the one now in use is in need of a general overhauling. He thanked the council for the cooperation given the department during the year when numerous new articles were purchased for use of the firemen.

29 Causes Blamed

A resume of the cause of fires during 1919 showed that seven were due to defective flues and six to burning grass, two each to thawing pipes, auto backfiring, sparks on mossy roofs, smoking of cigars in bed, short circuiting of an auto ignition system, spontaneous combustion, playing with matches and unknown. Each of the following causes contributed to one call during the year: carelessness in lighting, throwing lighted matches in a waste basket; trash in attics, electric iron left burning, furnace backfire, lamp, backfire of a wheat piling machine, putting kerosene on a gas stove catching on curtain, smoking in a clothes cleaning establishment, combustion in coal, sparks from a locomotive, match thrown on floor, fire crackers, clothes boiling dry on a stove, bonfire sparks, hot meter, meat in an oven forgotten, candle and a burning electric light pole.

Receipt For Hay At \$6 Ancient History

Evidence that things are not what they used to be was presented this morning by George R. Roberts, of Heth, who recently found receipts for the sale of hay and hogs when he resided in Central Iowa, two decades ago. In June, 1901, Mr. Roberts sold a quantity of hay, delivered to a customer at \$4 a ton, and just yesterday at Heth disposed of some of his 1919 hay crop at \$25 a ton in the stack.
In 1897 Mr. Roberts shipped hogs weighing about 260 pounds, to the Chicago stockyards. He received \$2.80 a hundred for his hogs, which was within 10 cents of the top at that time. Yesterday the Chicago stockyards paid \$14.80 for the same grade of hogs. Last summer hogs there brought nearly \$10 a hundred above that figure.
A friend living in Schuyler county, Ill., in 1899, received \$6.90 a hundred for shorthorn beef cattle at Chicago, then a record price. Mr. Roberts has a newspaper clipping which tells of the sales at some length.
Choice beef steers yesterday on the Chicago market brought between \$15.75 and \$20.00 a hundred.

Prices Advance 84 Per Cent In Year

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—The cost of living for wage-earners in Lawrence has increased 84 per cent in the last five years, the national industrial conference board announced today. The board made public a few days ago a report showing the cost of living in the country as a whole had advanced 82.2 per cent in the same period. Figures previously announced for Fall River gave a 73 per cent increase there on items identical with those used at Lawrence. Both Lawrence and Fall River are textile cities.
A steady income of \$26.65 a week is required to maintain in Lawrence a family of five persons at a minimum standard. It was stated. The report was regarded as of special interest because of the controversy between William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, and merchants of Lawrence over the former's charge that mill employees were forced to pay excessive prices. Mr. Wood announced last night that he would open a store at Lawrence soon to sell necessities at cost to his employees.

New York Assembly Suspends 5 Members

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The state assembly house unanimously voted Wednesday to suspend five socialist members who were elected last fall. The suspended members will be permitted to appear for examination before the committee later.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS LEAD STRENUOUS LIFE

Census enumerators have not yet visited Pendleton hotels to get a line on persons who resided within their walls on January, inquiry at two hotels today disclosed. It is understood that hotels and lodging houses, insofar as possible, are to be visited first by the enumerators.
The census is going along with fairly good speed, however, and indications are that the enumerators are doing the best possible in the circumstances. Out of 18 businessmen at the Commercial Association Tuesday night five had been counted.
Enumerating the Indians on the reservation is no small job for Rev. J. M. Connelison, who is doing the work. Occasionally he has met a family which refuses absolutely to answer any questions. They ask if the questions are from the government and when assured that they are, the natives refuse to answer, fearing that the result will be a new law or an added tax.
One Indian visited by the enumerator suggested in his native tongue that he would throw the enumerator out if he tried to ask him any government questions. The antipathy is being lessened by Major E. L. Swartzlander, agent, however, by communications addressed to all of the Indians.
One of the local enumerators is believed to be unfamiliar with married life. In a recent visit to a well-known household in this city he learned that the mother of the matron of the household lived there. "What relation is your mother to your husband?" the enumerator inquired.

HEAD OF FOX FILM COMPANY PUTS UP \$550,000 FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—William Fox, head of the Fox Film Company, announced today he had offered a purse of \$550,000 for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS OPENS 9TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—The Oregon Irrigation congress opened its 9th annual convention here today. Its sessions will be concluded Saturday night when the delegates will be entertained at a "high jinks" at the Portland Press club.
Many members of the Oregon legislature, who are to start a special session of their own at Salem Monday, are attending the convention of the irrigators, as important matters concerning irrigation are to be considered at the special legislative session.

REPORT OF REVOLT AGAINST CARRANZA DENIED BY CONSUL

EAGLE PASS, Jan. 7.—Reports that General Murgula has revolted against Carranza are denied here by American Consul Blocker.

DEPUTY GAME WARDEN IS BROUGHT TO TRIAL

FOSSIL, Or., Jan. 8.—(By United Press)—Homer Knox, deputy state game warden, will be tried here today on a charge of killing beavers, skinning them and offering their skins for sale.
It is understood that Knox' defense will be that the beavers were killing his trees.
The deputy warden's arrest was the result of his action against six high school boys, who, Knox alleged, killed some birds at night. The case against the boys was dismissed. Immediately after the dismissal, one of the boys proffered the beaver-killing charge against Knox.
Often a man's character would be unable to recognize his reputation if they were to meet.

Died At State Hospital

Harry O'Brien, aged 84, died Tuesday at the State Hospital. He was committed in 1910 from Long Creek. He has no survivors. The deceased was a member of the Catholic church and the funeral will be under the auspices of St. Mary's Catholic church. The date for the services has not been set, but they will be held at the Folsom chapel.

Makes Trip to Cheney

Major E. Swartzlander, of the Umatilla Indian Agency, left yesterday for Cheney, Washington, where he will superintend the shipment of flour and forage to various Indian agencies in the Northwest. The Cheney Mill was awarded the contract for the supplies. Major Swartzlander will return in a few days.

DEMOCRATS MEETING AT CAPITAL TO PLAN FOR 1920 CONVENTION

Party Leaders Gather in Washington to Fix Date and Select City; Third Wilson Term is All-absorbing Topic.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(United Press)—Leaders of the Democratic party gathered here today to fix a date and select a city for the party's 1920 national convention.
Like the Republicans, who met here nearly a month ago, the Democrats face the probability, leaders said of a wide open fight for the nomination, with a full crop of favorite sons and other aspirants to the honor.
The committee will hold a public session at the Shoreham hotel, to be followed tonight by the Jackson Day dinner at the Willard, where prominent Democrats from every section of the country will discuss the issues of the campaign and the position of the party. Incidentally, it has been decided that hereafter the Jackson Day dinner which heretofore has been held once in four years, shall become a yearly event, and that instead of being a District of Columbia event, it will be nationalized. It is to serve in future as an annual Democratic party love feast, at which ideas for the good of the party will be exchanged by chieftains from every section.

Fight Is Spurred

As the Democrats gathered, the fight for the convention was spirited. San Francisco, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Kansas City all have been urging their claims, and presenting alluring offers to the party leaders.
The most absorbing topic on every hand was whether President Wilson will be a third term candidate, and if he is not, whether he will indicate his choice among the many who are being discussed. It is considered certain that the President will make his position plain on the third term question before the convention is held. That he will not again be a candidate was also the belief of most of the leaders. They expect him to keep his hands off, and to have no part in selecting the nominee.

Women at Session

Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the national committee, is to preside both at the committee meeting and the dinner. Women from many states are here for the session, as are many of the Democratic state chairmen, who were included in the call for the meeting. It was expected, leaders said, that the session might last two days.
Among those most talked of as candidates to-day are William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and President Wilson's son-in-law; Senator Albee Pomerene of Ohio; Senator Gilbert Hitchcock of Nebraska; former Secretary of State Bryan; former Ambassador to Germany Gerard and Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama.

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