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FORMER RATE RESTORED

Harriman Line Officials Visit Lumber Industries

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The Former \$3.10 Rate Re-Established and the Outlook Is Promising.

Definite announcements concerning various important traffic questions may be expected immediately, for three of the high traffic officials of the Harriman system have spent the week in Oregon, becoming acquainted with the situation on the Southern Pacific, and whose coming has long been anticipated as the forerunner of intended changes. The company was made up of Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs, Assistant Traffic Director, E. O. McCormick, of the Harriman system, and Freight Traffic Manager William Sproule, of the Southern Pacific.

At Albany their private car was detached and made part of a special train by which the party was taken over the Mohawk branch to Wepding and Springfield, the points where large mills of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company are situated, to make investigations of the local conditions that are behind the demand for lower lumber rates to San Francisco.

This is one of the rate demands of greatest importance to Oregon. The lumbering interests are asking for a restoration of the rate of \$3.10 a lumber to San Francisco that was in effect for five years previous to last January. This rate is equivalent to \$5.17 per 1000 feet, while the new rate of \$5 is equivalent to \$3.33 per 1000 feet. Restoration of the old rate, the lumbermen claim, will enable them to operate their mills, even with the unfavorable condition of the markets, but there has been nothing more definite received from traffic representatives of Oregon than the statement that it is being considered. Since Mr. Stubbs is the supreme power in rate questions and all other traffic matters, an answer is anticipated. It is understood that representatives of the principal lumber companies have met with the officials and conferred with them.

LOW RATE RE-ESTABLISHED. No news has been received at Cottage Grove lately with such a degree of satisfaction and rejoicing that which came over the wire Wednesday announcing the decision of the traffic department of the Harriman lines to re-establish the lower freight rate of \$3.10 on

lumber from Willamette valley points to Sacramento valley, Calif., points. On January 1st, following the two months car famine, the rate was raised from \$3.10 to \$5 per 1000 feet, which completely paralyzed the lumber industry in the Willamette valley, and the railroad company only turned a deaf ear to the petition of the mill men for relief. Finally Cottage Grove inaugurated a co-operative movement having for its object the solution of the deplorable industrial depression in the timber districts of Western Oregon and the movement struck a popular chord everywhere. Petitions were numerous signed and sent to the S. P. Company asking for a reduction in the freight rates resolutions favoring a maximum freight rate were introduced in the party platforms of Lane county and the legislative candidates were pledged to work for the passage of such a bill in the state legislature, and while this was not the direct result of the late action of the company in re-establishing the former rate, it has, no doubt, hastened action on the part of the railroad traffic department.

Portland mills are not given the benefit of the reduced rates, as they can ship as cheaply by water, besides the railroad has only sufficient equipment to carry the products of the interior mills.

The interstate commerce law provides that before a railroad operating in two states may change rates it shall give 10 days' public notice. This has been done and at the expiration of that time the old rate will be in force.

It is a matter of general rejoicing that the various departments of labor necessary to the operation of this great industry will be put in employment at once. The manufacturer of the rough and finished product from the time it is taken from the tree till it is put aboard the cars for shipment requires a class of labor that commands good wages, and in case like that of the Booth-Kelly Company, the Long & Bingham Lumber Co., and Pacific Timber Co., with their large mills, hundreds of men are given direct employment, while the money paid in wages is scattered among all lines of business.

There is cause for general rejoicing and a lively season is assured in and about Cottage Grove and other valley lumbering points.

McKinley-Ware Trial in May.

The trials of Horace G. McKinley S. A. D. Puter, Marie Ware and Mrs. Emma L. Watson, under indictment for conspiracy to defraud the government out of timber lands, will likely begin in the federal court during the first week of May, according to the district attorney. The arrangement of Mrs. Watson, who is under \$4000 bonds, will occur some time before that date.

Don't try to compel a man to think your way, but persuade him with sound argument.

DEMOCRATS NAME A TICKET

Work of Convention Finished With Dispatch and General Satisfaction.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN FOR LEGISLATURE

Fred Fisk Was the Unanimous Choice for Sheriff—Other Nominees Are Good Men.

The Democratic county convention was called to order in the court house at Eugene last Saturday morning by J. D. Matlock, chairman of the county central committee. After reading the call for the convention, Mr. Matlock announced that nominations were in order for temporary chairman of the convention. Mr. Matlock was nominated, but as he was not a delegate to the convention, his name was withdrawn. E. P. Coleman of Coburg, R. M. Veatch of Cottage Grove and M. S. Wallis, of Eugene were nominated.

COLEMAN CHAIRMAN. Messrs. Veatch and Wallis declined nomination and Mr. Coleman was chosen chairman.

After taking the chair Mr. Coleman spoke a few words of encouragement to the convention and expressed the belief that the Democrats ought to at least divide honors with the Republicans at the election in June. He stated that harmony did not exist in the Republican ranks, which all the more enhances the prospects for a Democratic victory.

WALLIS SECRETARY. M. S. Wallis of Eugene, was chosen temporary secretary and Henry Stewart, of Springfield, temporary assistant secretary of the convention.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED. The chair appointed committees as follows: Credentials—G. N. Castle, E. P. Williams, Geo. Gilfray, A. J. Pickard, J. R. Hill.

Resolutions—R. M. Veatch, J. J. Walton, C. P. Houston, Ben Lea, Wm. Taylor.

Permanent organization and order of business—W. L. Houston, L. M. Travis, J. W. Baker, M. M. Peery, J. M. Kitchen.

After the appointment of committees there was a spirited discussion as to the manner of choosing delegates to the state and congressional conventions. Some believing that to have the names printed on slips of paper would appear that the delegation had been chosen before hand and would appear like a "job," and objected to such procedure, while others contended that this method would expedite business. The motion to have the names printed was carried. The convention was adjourned until one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION. At 1:30 sharp the convention was called to order. The big court room was crowded with enthusiastic delegates, and a number of spectators graced the aisles along three sides of the room.

Chairman G. Castle, of the credential committee, was called upon to make his report. The report showed that the following precincts were not represented: Jasper, Blanton, Middle Fork, Wendling, Glentena, Lake Creek, Heceta, Hermann, Gate Creek, Cheshire, Blue River, Bohemia, Mabel, Five Rivers. The committee's report was adopted.

PERMANENT CHAIRMAN. Temporary Chairman Coleman having expressed a desire not to act as permanent chairman, Hon. R. M. Veatch, of Cottage Grove, was unanimously chosen to fill the chair.

Mr. Veatch took the chair amid enthusiastic applause. He delivered a short speech in which he stated that the Democrats had met with no "slate" prepared, that no corporation had named their ticket beforehand. He hoped to see harmony in the convention, and harmony throughout the county. He hoped to see every Democrat stand shoulder to shoulder, and hoped that when the work of the convention was done the honest Republicans could say that the nominees are better than the other fellows, and was confident that many Republicans would vote the ticket put up today.

RESOLUTIONS. The committee on resolutions reported the following, and they were adopted:

"The Democrats of Lane county, in convention assembled, make the following declaration:

"1st. We hereby declare that we are in favor of just and equal taxation of all property.

"2nd. That we favor an economical administration of municipal, state and national affairs.

"3rd. That we are in favor of flat salaries of state and county officers.

"4th. That we are in favor of the enactment by the next legislature of a maximum freight rate law that will be just and equitable to both shippers and carriers' and that we instruct our nominees for the legislature when elected to use all honorable and just means to pass such an act at the coming session of the legislature.

"5th. That we are in favor of good roads and heartily endorse the good roads organization, and the efforts now being made by it to secure the improvements and betterment of the public highways of Lane county.

"6th. We heartily endorse the wise, economical and statesmanlike administration of Gov. George E. Chamberlain.

"7th. We heartily endorse the wise, able, economical administration of J. W. Hamilton, the present judge of the second judicial district, and hereby instruct the delegates to the state and district conventions to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

"R. M. Veatch, "J. J. Walton, "C. P. Houston, "W. M. Taylor, "Ben Lea, "Committee."

TELLERS APPOINTED. The chairman appointed tellers as follows: C. P. Houston, H. Tillman, S. E. Wallace, L. Bilyeu.

At this point Dr. W. W. Oglesby took occasion to inform the convention as to how he stands on the question of the nomination for president. He declared that he was once and for all opposed to the Cleveland party.

J. J. Walton nominated L. Bilyeu for state central committeeman, and he was unanimously elected.

CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMITTEE. J. D. Matlock was unanimously chosen as chairman of the county central committee.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES. J. W. Baker nominated for representative Ed Jenkins, of Cottage Grove; L. Bilyeu named J. E. Barnes, of Mapleton; L. M. Travis named Leon R. Edmunson, of Eugene. Jenkes, Barnes and Edmunson were unanimously declared the nominees.

CHESHIRE FOR COUNTY JUDGE. W. P. Cheshire, of Springfield, was named for county judge. J. J. Walton nominated H. R. Kincaid, of Eugene, present incumbent; John McMahon, of Eugene, was nominated, but his name was withdrawn. First ballot: Cheshire, 141; Kincaid, 34. Mr. Cheshire declared the nominee. It may be stated that Judge Kincaid was not a candidate.

PARKER FOR COUNTY CLERK. J. C. Parker, of Pleasant Hill was nominated by M. S. Wallis. There were no other nominations, and Mr. Parker was declared the unanimous nominee.

FISK FOR SHERIFF. Fred Fisk, of Eugene, present incumbent, was nominated by G. N. Castle. Mr. Fisk was declared the unanimous choice of the convention for sheriff.

STEVENS FOR TREASURER. I. E. Stevens, of Eugene, was nominated by Chas. W. Evans for treasurer. J. M. Kitchen of Irving, was nominated. First ballot: Stevens, 132; Kitchen, 38. Mr. Stevens was declared the nominee.

FOR COMMISSIONER. J. R. Hill of Junction, present incumbent, was nominated for county commissioner. Mr. Hill was unanimously nominated.

Brady for Assessor. R. O. Brady of Creswell, was named for assessor by F. W. Osburn. Mr. Brady was unanimously chosen as the nominee.

PARKER FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. E. R. Parker of Creswell, was named by the present superintendent, W. M. Miller, for school superintendent, and he was nominated by acclamation.

HUNT FOR SURVEYOR. Ralph Hunt of Eugene, was named by J. J. Walton for county surveyor. His nomination was unanimous.

DAY FOR CORONER. R. M. Day of Eugene, was named for coroner by L. Bilyeu. His nomination was unanimous.

RESOLUTION TABLED. A resolution was read by G. N. Castle of Saginaw, endorsing the Kansas City platform. A motion was made to lay the resolution on the table and it was carried by a vote of 61 to 35.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN. The chairman of the various South Lane precincts were chosen as follows: East Cottage Grove, A. B. Atkins; West Cottage Grove, R. M. Veatch; Creswell, J. E. Noland; Goshen, E. Bradley; Saginaw, G. N. Castle; Springfield, Henry Stewart; Siuslaw, Ben Lea; Wallace, E. M. Gardner.

COTTAGE GROVE PRECINCT NOMINEES. The Cottage Grove delegates also gathered and nominated precinct officers as follows: For Justice of the peace, N. H. Martin; for constable, A. B. Atkins.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES. The delegates-elect to the state convention were: L. M. Travis, J. E. Barnes, L. R. Edmunson, Geo. G. Gross, W. L. Cheshire, J. S. Medley, R. M. Veatch, J. F. Kirk, J. D. Matlock, Harry Brown, L. Bilyeu, J. J. Walton, F. L. Armitage.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

A Chemical Which Quickly Dissolves Gold and other Precious Metals.

Dr. W. H. Robinson of this city, who has made mineralogy and chemistry a life long study has lately discovered a vegetable solution which will dissolve gold or other precious metals and remove it from the hardest quartz. It is an inoffensive smelling and practically harmless, clear liquid, but has a miraculous effect upon all kinds of minerals. It seems to open and penetrate the minute pores of any quartz formation placed into it and dissolve the mineral contained therein, which issues forth from the quartz in bubbles or a liquid state and which soon colors the chemical according to the nature of the mineral—for instance, copper quartz soon changes the chemical to a rich green, gold to a golden color and so on. It is, indeed, interesting to watch the speedy action of the chemical upon any mineralized quartz placed into it, from which in a brief period of time all of the mineral is removed, leaving only the solid quartz formation. Already this discovery of Dr. Robinson is attracting the attention of scientific men, the Scientific American, published in New York City, having recently written the doctor requesting to be favored with an interview and a demonstration of the possibilities of his newly discovered chemical, upon the visit of a representative of that paper to this city in the near future.

Nearly \$1,300 has been raised to improve the road between Jacksonville and Medford.

DORENA MILL COMPANY

Has a Contract for 8,000,000 Feet of Lumber

TO INSTALL PLANERS

J. H. Chambers, a Substantial Ashland Citizen, Is Interested.

The LEADER was informed by one of the members of the Dorena Lumber Company this week that the firm had just entered into a contract with J. H. Chambers, a substantial citizen of Ashland, to manufacture into lumber the timber from a 320 acre tract of timber land adjacent to the Dorena mill, on which it has been estimated that not less than 8,000,000 feet of lumber will be secured. Mr. Chambers will put in planers at the Dorena Company's yards on the O & S. E. railroad to which point the product of the mill is delivered by means of a two mile flume.

From this plant Mr. Chambers will supply his lumber yards at Medford and fill his numerous Southern Oregon orders.

The Dorena Lumber Company also has a contract to supply 185,000 feet of lumber for Ashland's new public school building. The above mentioned contracts of the Dorena Lumber Co., will in nowise conflict with any former contracts, locally or otherwise, all of which will be fulfilled to a letter.

There is plenty of capital and practical experience back of this new addition to this milling enterprise, Mr. Chambers being an ex-banker and formerly a member of Ashland Manufacturing Co. With the re-established low freight rate, there promises to be renewed activity in the timber and lumber business throughout this section of the state.

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