

The Estacada News

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The battleship fleet has passed Magellan straits and is now in the Pacific ocean.

The Swift Packing Company has completed plans for a \$3,500,000 plant in Portland.

A Yale graduate and athlete has been found to possess a complete outfit of burglar's tools.

Premier Franco, dictator of Portugal has not left his room since arriving in Bordeaux, France.

Roosevelt says the charges that he is using his influence to help Taft along are false and malicious.

Claims of alleged illegitimate heirs of Alfonso XII are creating considerable trouble for the Spanish government.

One child was killed and many persons injured in the crush at the funeral of the dead king and prince of Portugal.

Members of the royal household declare that the Portuguese crown prince rose and fired twice at the assassins before he himself fell dead.

California railroad commission has evidence to convict the Southern Pacific of rebating on about 4,900 separate counts, the fines for which will amount to \$80,000,000.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria and many government officials attended the memorial services for the late King Carlos of Portugal and the Crown Prince.

The battleship fleet has turned to the north.

Germany has reduced the import duty on sugar.

A leader of the Black Hand has been captured in New York.

The senatorial deadlock in the Kentucky legislature continues.

The Pennsylvania railroad has just ordered 55,000 tons of steel rails.

Seattle ministers have started an agitation against Sunday theaters.

Governor Pennypacker has been implicated in the Pennsylvania capitol frauds.

Franco, the deposed premier of Portugal, has arrived in France, fearing murder but defending his policy.

The Elgin National Watch company has closed its factory for an indefinite period on account of dullness in trade.

Government troops will be removed from Goldfield March 7, at which time the Nevada police will be ready to take charge.

Warren Oliver, a member of the electoral college which named Lincoln, is dead. He was a pioneer of California and 93 years old.

Associate Public Printer Bram has assumed control of the government printing office. W. S. Roessler will continue the inquiries into the conduct of the office.

Woman suffragists are making a hard fight in New York.

Judge Hargis, a leader of Kentucky feudists, has been killed by his son.

Florida Republicans are holding Taft and anti-Taft conventions and having fist fights.

Great Britain has paid the bandit ransom \$200,000 for the release of Sir Harry Maclean.

The Western Bar Iron association, of New York, will advance the price of bar iron \$5 per ton.

The house committee on naval affairs opposes four new battleships and the president has prepared to fight.

A greynhound has returned on foot to its old home at Oakland from Western Montana, a distance of 1,500 miles.

Franco, former premier and dictator of Portugal, has arrived in Madrid. He was driven from home by the many threats of assassination.

By an agreement of trans-Atlantic steamship companies the rate war between Europe and the United States has come to an end.

Owing to opposition to the erection of a statue to the late Senator Quay on the capitol grounds at Harrisburg, Pa., it is proposed to put the question to a popular vote.

Bryan declares that Wall street is worse than Monte Carlo.

The national convention of the Socialist party will be held in Chicago May 10.

The American torpedo flotilla has arrived at Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan.

French troops in Algeria were caught in a severe snow storm and at least 28 perished.

The Japanese government will increase the tax on sugar, sake, alcohol, beer and kerosene.

The people of Ohio will vote on an initiative and referendum law at the November election.

Every trace of bubonic plague has gone from San Francisco. The campaign against rats will continue.

In a battle between French troops and Moors, the Moors lost 10,000 killed and wounded and the French 160.

Several firemen were injured and one is missing in New York where a fire in a dry goods store caused a loss of \$200,000.

Black Hand murders continue in Chicago.

Japan is diverting many emigrants to South America.

LIABLE TO FINER OF \$80,000,000

Clear Case Against S. P.—Paid Rebates for Years.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Penalties unprecedented in the history of the prosecution of corporations in California, or a complete revision and vitalizing of the laws applicable to railroads, will be the outcome of the investigation to be instituted this week by the State Railroad Commission, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, in the Merchants' Exchange building.

Assistant Attorney-General Raymond Benjamin said today that 4,900 separate rebates have been perfected against the Southern Pacific Company, practically through its own admissions. These cases will be presented to the Railroad Commission by Attorney-General U. S. Webb, Mr. Benjamin and O. K. Cushing, special counsel for the California Traffic Association. Should convictions be obtained on each of these cases, and the maximum penalty of \$80,000 be levied for each violation of the law, the Southern Pacific will face an aggregate fine of \$80,000,000.

In each case the evidence practically is conclusive, from bills of lading to the indorsed checks issued by the company to the shipper, in reimbursement. When the State Board of Railroad Commissioners requested the Southern Pacific to submit its books to Mr. Benjamin, Peter F. Dunne, counsel for the railroad, replied that the railroad's books would be available at any time. The compliance with which the railroad corporation greets the investigation hereafter that it will not fight the action of the Railroad Commission on merits but rather upon the law involved.

Section 222 of the state legislation which creates the Board of Railroad Commissioners, with their power to fix rates, provides:

"Any railroad corporation or transportation company which shall fail to conform to such rates as shall be established by such commission * * * shall be fined not exceeding \$20,000 for each offense. * * * In 4,900 cases the railroad company failed to conform to the rate of freight established by the commission. The practice is of long standing, but the only records available are those subsequent to May, 1906. In some of these rebates the railroad refunded 53 per cent of the original charge to the shipper.

DRAG OUT SKELETONS.

Alleged Illegitimate Heirs of Alfonso Making Trouble.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—The question of allotting a pension of 250,000 pesetas to Alfonso, the son of Don Carlos of Bourbon and the Princess of Asturias, who recently married Princess Louise of Orleans in England, has received the approval of the Council of State and now goes before the Cortes. But it is not without many complications, not the least interesting of which are suits for similar allowances brought by the natural children of Alfonso XII by Elena Sana, a former well-known Spanish actress, and a natural cousin of the king named Carlos Allen Perkins, a second-rate but popular actor in the music halls of the capital.

Perkins claim goes back to his great-grandmother, the famous Infanta Carlotta, who provoked the Carlist war by obliging Ferdinand VII to admit the principle of the right of succession to the throne to the face of Calomarde, the Premier, and drew from him the historic retort:

"White hands are not offensive." Perkins' birth is not recorded in the books, but he insists that his real name is Don Francisco Carlos Pio Rose Alfonso Luis Fernando Allen Perkins Guerosky Bourbon Lutheran Hossen Drichma Vrechna and Ottendorf, and consequently a blood relation of most of the reigning sovereigns of Europe.

Survey for New Tunnel.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 11.—Surveyors and engineers in the employ of the Northern Pacific have for months been locating a new tunnel through the Cascades. The fact became known yesterday, when the men, driven from their work by the heavy snows, arrived at Green River Hot Springs on their way to St. Paul.

Mourning by All Creeds.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Memorial services in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Stafford, pastor of St. Patrick's church, were held at Chase's theater, when tributes to the life and character of Dr. Stafford were paid by men prominent in public life. Vice-President Fairbanks spoke of Dr. Stafford as "The Citizen"; Senator Beveridge of Indiana as "The Orator"; Hannis Taylor, ex-minister to Spain, as "The Scholar and Philanthropist"; and ex-commissioner of Pensions James Tanner, as "The Patriot."

Franco Excites Curiosity.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 11.—Sunday passed with Senator Franco, the ex-premier of Portugal, still in Bordeaux and still in seclusion. His privacy has remained unbroken; since his arrival Friday he has not emerged from the hotel where he is stopping, not even from his room. The former dictator has become a problem which the people are discussing with curious, wondering, even sympathetic interest, but no one has been enlightened as to the hour of his departure, or his destination, for it is certain that he is not to remain here long.

Wreck on Wabash.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 11.—The Continental passenger train on the Wabash railway, westbound, was derailed today by a broken rail at Delhi, Ont., 150 miles east of Detroit. None of the passengers nor train crew sustained any injuries, other than bruises. Mrs. J. W. Daniels, of Wallace, Idaho, was taken from the train at St. Thomas, suffering from nervous shock and with this exception all of the passengers continued to their destinations.

Temperance Worker Dead.

New York, Feb. 11.—John W. Oliver, editor and principal owner of the *Yonkers Statesman*, died at his home in Yonkers today, aged 92 years. Mr. Oliver was an early leader in the temperance movement, and with his brother, Isaac Oliver, founded the Sons of Temperance.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FORBIDS GLAD HAND.

Corrupt Practices Act May Be Found Unconstitutional.

Salem.—That the corrupt-practices bill, to be submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative and referendum, is in direct conflict with that section of the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech is believed by many who have read the measure. The bill makes it a crime for any person to ask, solicit or induce in any manner to induce or persuade a voter on election day to vote for or against any candidate or measure. This would bar the use of any kind of argument on election day and there is doubt whether it would be constitutional.

Under this section of the law it is probable that newspapers published on the morning of election day would be prohibited from printing anything calculated to influence voters in determining how to mark their ballots. The words "in any manner" would induce or persuade would cover a multitude of acts. Candidates who went to the polls and extended the glad hand to voters would unquestionably come within the terms of the act, for it is common knowledge that a warm handshake is one of the most potent means of getting votes.

Josephine Goatmen Organize.

Grants Pass.—The Southern Oregon Angora Goat Breeders' association has been organized with C. E. Harmon, president and Charles Moser, secretary. The association will have a meeting in March. The raising of goats has become one of the prominent industries of Southern Oregon. As well as being profitable for the wool, they are looked upon as a valuable adjunct in clearing new land, in keeping down the undergrowth. It is calculated that there are about 5,000 or 6,000 of the animals scattered among the ranches in this district, some of which are imported stock.

Grain Sacks at Reduced Figures.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county farmers will share in the purchase of 1,000,000 wheat sacks made by the Farmers' Co-operative union at Walla Walla. Over 200 farmers were present at a mass meeting at which contracts for the purchase of 1,000,000 sacks from the J. Z. Smith company and the Kerr-Gifford company of Portland at a uniform price of 75¢, was made. As the same quality of sacks sold last year at from 10 to 12¢ each, the farmers have made a great saving in purchases for this year by asking for bids.

New College Building.

Milton.—At a meeting of the board of Columbia college it was decided that an administrative building containing \$25,000 should be erected, and it is understood that this building shall be ready for use at the next college term next fall. The building is to be equipped in the most modern way, giving every advantage to the students. This is a South Methodist institution, and is proving very successful. There is an enrollment of over 100 students this term, all from different parts of the northwest.

Pay Weyerhaeuser's Taxes.

Klamath Falls.—The Weyerhaeuser timber company, which has extensive land holding in Klamath and Lake counties, has announced its intention of adopting the system followed by the government in leasing the lands within forest reserves for grazing purposes. The company owns approximately 300,000 acres of timber land in the two counties. Some of the land it has acquired in recent years, but much of it had been held for a long time. It has never made any attempt to derive revenue from the lands.

State Wants Sidetrack.

Salem.—The state board has asked the Railroad commission to investigate the question of the need of a sidetrack on the Southern Pacific at the site of the proposed home for the feeble minded, just south of this city. The railroad company refused the state's request for a sidetrack. The state board wants the sidetrack established as an aid in transporting material for the new building, which will be started soon.

Paisley Wants the County Seat.

Silver Lake.—W. H. McColl, of Paisley, is authority for the statement that Paisley wants to bring to a vote at the June election the question of the removal of the county seat from Lakeview to Paisley. Paisley, Summer Lake, Silver Lake, New Pine Creek and North Warner voters would probably favor the move. Paisley is many miles nearer the geographical center of the county than Lakeview.

Sales Under Hinkle Ditch.

Pendleton.—Seven sales of arid land aggregating over \$11,000 have just been made from the Hinkle Ditch company's tract in the western part of Umatilla county. The tracts will all be settled and reclaimed and a large settlement is anticipated in that part of the county this spring. Those making purchases were J. H. Strohm, W. P. Littlefield, Maurice D. Scroggs, Elizabeth J. Tucker, Martha A. Travis, Lorin G. Henry and B. F. Strohm.

Demand Flat 2 1-2 Cent Fair.

Salem.—A committee of the Traveling Men's association has arranged with the railroad commission to file a complaint against all roads doing business in Oregon and asking for a flat 2 1-2 cent rate on mileage books. The rate now is about 2 1/2 cents, and the books sold are not mileage books, but are coupon books, each coupon representing 5 cents.

Eagles Worry Benton County.

Monroe.—A pair of large eagles are playing havoc among the small lambs on the foothills west of town. They are expert in keeping out of rifle range and no one has been able to get a shot at them.

Cannery Puts Up Beef.

Brownsville.—The Brownsville cannery has been experimenting the canning of beef and it will probably put up a large amount in the near future.

SWIFT PACKING CO. COMING

Ready to Begin Work on \$3,500,000 Plant at Once.

Portland, Feb. 10.—In the first and only authorized statement which has been given out either here or anywhere else regarding his company's plans in the Pacific Northwest Louis F. Swift, president of Swift & Co., last night declared that the mammoth Portland plant, which will represent an outlay of \$3,500,000 and which will be erected on the Peninsula, will be completed and ready for operation in all departments in one year. Portland is also to be made the center of the packing industry of the Pacific Northwest, and the Troutdale plant, near Portland, eventually is to be abandoned, at least so far as the packing side of the business is concerned. To what use, if any, the Swift people are to put their present extensive and valuable property at that point was not vouchsafed.

The Swift people are ready and prepared to go ahead with construction work just as soon as the railroads have indicated what connections on the Peninsula they will establish, and when they will be ready to do the work. When these connections with necessary terminal facilities have been decided upon, work on the packing plant will be rushed to completion.

In the official interview, H. C. Gardner, head of the construction department of Swift & Company, who will have direct charge of erecting the plant, acted as spokesman for President Swift, and entered into as full a discussion of the plans of the Swifts as the head of the big concern deemed wise to give out for publication at this time.

Mr. Gardner, in explaining why the public could not be taken fully into the confidence of his concern at this time, said that certain plans such as whether the company should secure power from some of the companies already in the field here, or erect its own plant on the Peninsula, are yet to be settled, and that there were a number of other considerations which, if disclosed now, might interfere with their consummation.

It was also clearly brought out that if Portland ever intends to wrest the bulk of the Alaska trade from the Sound cities, the merchants and shippers here will have to establish a direct steamer line from here to the North. This was brought out in answer to a direct question as to whether Swift & Company intended to enter that field, now monopolized by various Seattle and Tacoma packers.

"Swift & Company," declared Mr. Gardner, "are in the packing business and packing business alone. They are not in the transportation business, nor in the cattle-raising business."

NIGHT RIDERS ON RAID.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 10.—Last night at 12 o'clock a band of about 150 mounted night riders, masked, heavily armed and wearing the insignia of a secret clan, invaded Fredonia, Crittenden county, captured James Scarborough, operator of the Cumberland Telephone Company, and cut all telephone connections. They then forced Dave Potter, a clerk in a drug store, to open his store, in which they corralled several citizens and held them prisoners.

Leaving a large guard in the town, the others galloped to the village of View, five miles away, and blew up Alfred H. Cardin's tobacco factory, containing 35,000 pounds of tobacco belonging to him and his croppers. The loss aggregates \$10,000, with \$5,000 insurance.

After firing volleys into the air the night riders returned through Fredonia and released their prisoners. Eighty per cent of Crittenden county farmers have tobacco pooled in the Society of Equity. Mr. Cardin is not a member. He is a prominent citizen, aged 73, and was formerly a candidate for governor on the Populist ticket. The Planters Association has no organization in this county.

FRUSTRATE REPUBLICAN PLOT.

Marselles, Feb. 10.—The frustration on Friday last at Oporto of an elaborate plot to proclaim a republic is announced in a telegram which was received today from one of the highest officials in Oporto by his brother, who has just arrived here from Lisbon. According to the telegram a large number of conspirators have been arrested, including the leaders. It was also stated that numerous bodies of militant republicans had been seen about the suburbs of Oporto. The police captured a large store of revolvers and cartridges.

Blow Up Bank.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 10.—Four men early this morning blew open the vault of the Bank of Sulphur Springs, Ark., and secured over \$1,300 in cash, besides notes and other valuables. The citizens of Sulphur Springs were aroused by two explosions, but by the time the officers reached the downtown district, the work of the thieves had been completed and four men were seen to mount their horses and ride westward. The mountains in this direction are filled with many gorges and it is believed that the men have made good their escape.

Demand to Show Hard.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The recent fighting in Morocco, as well as the protest which Abd-el-Aziz, the Sultan, is reported to have submitted to Germany against French occupation and aggression in that country, has led M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, to formulate a new interpretation on the subject. In the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow he will formally demand from the government another explanation of the Moroccan policy.

Archbishop Returns.

New York, Feb. 10.—Archbishop Patrick William Riordan, of San Francisco, whose recent mission in Rome was both for rest and to advocate the appointment of Rev. Edward J. Hanna, of Rochester, as Coadjutor Archbishop of San Francisco, returned today on board the steamship Cedre.

Non British Squadron Coming.

London, Feb. 8.—The Associated Press is officially authorized to declare that there is absolutely no truth in the report telegraphed from Halifax that the British squadron in the Pacific is to be materially increased. No changes whatever are contemplated in the Pacific squadron and the British government has not the slightest intention of replacing the old Pacific fleet, which formerly had its base at Esquimaut, B. C.

Smuggles Arms Into China.

Hongkong, Feb. 8.—Chinese imperial customs officials this afternoon seized a Japanese steamer near Macao, which was landing arms on Chinese territory. It is alleged that the arms were intended for revolutionists under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the leader of the revolutionary party in China.

May Go Dry Forever.

Washington, W. Va., Feb. 7.—A joint resolution was passed by the house today providing for an amendment to the constitution which gives the right to voters to decide whether or not liquor or the manufacture of liquor will be prohibited forever in the state.

HALL IS CONVICTED

Prediction of Prosecution Proves Correct.

JURY DELIBERATES THREE HOURS

Speedy Agreement Believed to Indicate Conviction, in View of Judge's Instructions.

Portland, Feb. 8.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning the jury in the Hall conspiracy trial announced that it had reached a verdict. The verdict was sealed in an envelope, under instructions given by Judge Hunt last night, and was returned to the court and opened at 10 o'clock this morning.

On convening court this morning Judge Hunt directed that the envelope be opened and the verdict read. The jury found Hall guilty as charged. Under the Federal statutes, conspiracy such as that charged in the indictment on which Hall was tried, is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Portland, Feb. 8.—At last night's session, which convened at 7:45 o'clock, Judge Hunt delivered exhaustive instructions to the jury, the charge requiring two hours for the delivery. At 10:12 o'clock, after Judge Webster for the defendant had interposed objections to practically every instruction of the court, the jury retired to deliberate on a verdict. The jurors were instructed by Judge Hunt that if a verdict should be reached during the night, they were to seal it in an envelope and repair in the custody of the bailiffs to their rooms, the verdict to be returned at 10 o'clock this morning to which hour the court then adjourned.

Judge Hunt's instructions were far more elaborate than in any of the preceding land fraud or conspiracy cases. They consisted of a learned exposition of the law as applied to conspiracy charges and a lucid interpretation of the statutes pertaining to the fencing and homesteaded acts and the statute of limitations.

When the instructions had been given Mr. Heney expressed his satisfaction with them, but Judge Webster, for the defendant, submitted exceptions in a general way to the entire charge.

REFORM POSTAL SERVICE.

Commission Recommends Changes in Interest of Economy.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In a preliminary report of the postal commission authorized during the last congress, the main recommendation will be to effect that the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general shall be done away with and that an executive officer appointed by the president for a long term be installed as the active head of the department, who shall act under the direction of the postmaster general and hold the same relation that a superintendent of a railroad holds to a railroad president and director.

The examiners found that politics too often interfered with the systematic running of the department and that the heads were seldom installed for any length of time before being retired or placed elsewhere.

Under present conditions it is necessary for a mail bag broken on an Alaskan route to be transported the entire distance to the Mississippi valley before it can be mended. It will do away with this and other impracticable methods, the commission proposes the formation of divisions with full power to administer offices within their boundaries. Said boundaries shall not necessarily follow state lines.

Of the 62,000 postoffices run by the government it is thought that fully 30,000 can be operated in such a manner as to become non-accounting offices and do away with the too frequent issuance of stamps and many intermediate reports.

Have Hot Fight With Moors.

Paris, Feb. 8.—A dispatch received here from General d'Amade, the French commander in chief in Morocco, says the column operating on the coast had an engagement yesterday with the Arabs at a point southwest of Kachab Rachid. The French apparently had routed their enemy when the Moors returned with reinforcements and attacked the French camp a second time. The fight was a hot one, but the Moors were eventually forced to retire in the direction of Settatt. Five Frenchmen were wounded.

Mexico Grants Coaling Station.

Mexico City, Feb. 8.—The concession by Mexico to the United States granting the privilege for the establishment of a coaling station at Magdalena bay is now in force and it is expected that the two barges provided under the concession will be anchored in the bay before the arrival there of the fleet. Further negotiations are pending for a large target range and permission to land marines for small arms practice. Previous requests of like nature were not favorably received by Mexico, but this one may be granted.

Keep Japs Out.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 7.—The immigration bill framed on the lines of the Natal act, which provides that all immigrants who cannot write and read English language of the country to be refused landing, was passed by the British Columbia legislature this afternoon and will be referred at once to the lieutenant governor for assent. Preparations have been made to carry the regulations of the bill into effect at once, provincial immigration officers being appointed for this purpose if it should be approved.

New Safeguards on Battleships.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Plans have been completed by the naval ordnance bureau for the installation of new ammunition hoisting arrangements for the turret vessels, comprising some 176 turrets. This is rendered necessary by the introduction of smokeless powder, which has permitted a greatly increased rate of fire. The new arrangement will supply ammunition as rapidly as it can be fired, and will effectively separate the turrets from the handling room below so that there shall be a prevention of powder ignition.

Locomotive Works Retrench.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—Ten thousand men have been laid off since December by the Baldwin Locomotive works, of this city. Samuel Vancelin, a member of the firm, in speaking of the conditions at the works, said: "No substantial orders have come in since December. We have received a few scattered orders and are now working upon these. Whereas we formerly were turning out about 60 locomotives a week, we are now turning out only 20."

FAIR BILL PASSES.

Senate Stands by Seattle With Almost Unanimous Vote.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The Seattle exposition bill went through the senate yesterday by a practically unanimous vote. Barlett, who threatened to do all manner of things to defeat it, made a vicious attack and thundered loudly for half an hour. When he concluded, several senators spoke in behalf of the bill, and, when Piles moved its passage, barely a voice save that of Barlett was heard in opposition.

Barlett's antagonism really strengthened the bill, for he is generally disliked in the senate, and his onslaught created sympathy for Piles, who was pressing the bill.

The house committee will now take up and report the senate bill, instead of that introduced by Congressman Humphrey.

In the discussion before the vote was taken, Barlett opposed the bill, as he said he had opposed every other bill for that purpose since he had been in congress. He said the proposition to hold the exposition did not originate in Alaska.

"It has been put forward," he said, "by a lot of boomers of Seattle, who purpose to boom their real estate and their private interests."

Barlett read a list of expositions in the United States showing that \$20,000,000 had been expended by congress in aid of them.

Tillman supported the idea of expositions, saying the Charleston exposition had brought many people from the North to be "civilized there."

Carter believed the idea of equity should influence congress in appropriating for an exposition in the Far West, as so little had been done in aid of that section.

MAY ADJUST RATES.

Northwestern Mill Interests Confer With Railroad Presidents.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 7.—As the result of a conference held this morning, between President Louis W. Hill, of the Great Northern, and President Howard Elliott, of the Northern Pacific, on the one side, and President Jacob Fourth, of the Puget Sound National bank and Frederick Bauman, representing the commercial bodies of the Pacific Northwest, who expressed the belief that the controversy between the lumber interests and the railroads concerning the rate question may be amicably settled. Nothing definite resulted from the conference, but there is to be another one within a day or so.

At the close of the conference Mr. Furth made the following statement:

"Mr. Hill and Mr. Elliott, at my invitation met Mr. Bauman and myself this morning to discuss the possibility of bringing about a settlement of the rate controversy between the lumber and shingle men of the Pacific Northwest and the railroads. Both the railroad officials appeared to be willing to receive proposals from us, acting for the commercial organizations of the cities of the Northwest."

URGES HALL'S ACQUITTAL.

Webster Makes Earnest Argument for His Client.

Portland, Feb. 7.—Aby and with intense earnestness Judge Lionel R. Webster yesterday advocated the cause of John R. Hall, ex-United States attorney, before a jury in the United States court. Counsel was unable to conclude before court adjourned at 5 o'clock and will resume this morning at 10 o'clock. Although the possibility of bringing about a settlement of the rate controversy between the lumber and shingle men of the Pacific Northwest and the railroads. Both the railroad officials appeared to be willing to receive proposals from us, acting for the commercial organizations of the cities of the Northwest."

Judge Webster prefaced his address with a brief discussion of the responsible duty of a juror together with a definition of the charge of conspiracy on which Hall is being tried. At the outset of his remarks, counsel for the defendant took issue with Mr. Heney, in his opening argument Wednesday, asserting that the failure of prosecuting officials to discharge their duty and to enforce the laws was rotting and decaying the very foundations of a republican form of government.

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