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RATE HEARING IS CONCLUDED

Portland Jobbers Protest Against Reductions Asked for by Medford at Concluding Session of Case at Portland.

Testimony tending to show that Portland, on account of its position on tidewater, has a natural advantage over inland towns in the matter of freight facilities was presented before the state railroad commission in the Medford rate hearing in the office of R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific in the Wells-Fargo building Tuesday afternoon, says the Oregonian.

The evidence of the plaintiffs in the case was heard at Medford on November 29, the commission then adjourning its sessions until yesterday. The case is not yet complete, however, and the final decision will not be handed down until the commission has time to review the evidence.

The original complaint included two separate petitions from the Medford traffic bureau. The first of these asked for the establishment of a rate on carload commodities, such as groceries, hardware and some farm machinery from Portland to Medford. The second sought to have established a reduced distributing rate on the first four classes of freight from Medford to points within a radius of 150 miles from that city.

The ultimate object of the petition was to make Medford a jobbing center for the territory within the described radius. A similar petition was presented to the state commission some time ago by the jobbing interests of Baker.

Chamber of Commerce Intervenes.

The transportation bureau of the Portland chamber of commerce intervened in both cases, contending that if these privileges are granted to Medford and to Baker 150-mile zones thus will be established in all parts of the state and that endless confusion will result.

They raised the point that granting the privilege to these towns will establish a precedent and that if Medford and Baker are successful many other small cities will seek similar concessions.

Railroad officials on the other hand, while opposing the petition, do not seem to be in sympathy with the local chamber's position in the matter.

At the original hearing testimony was introduced evidently aimed to establish the position that Medford, on account of its geographical location, is entitled to jobbing rates. Yet the railroad officials endeavored to show that Medford's position is not different from that of any other city of the same size between Portland and Medford.

Portland Situation Outlined.

Mr. Miller and H. E. Lounsbury, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, were examined by the commission and by the attorneys. They stated that conditions are such as to make Portland the natural jobbing center of the state by reason of its tidewater location and the interior river service by both the Columbia and Willamette rivers. The situation here is altogether dissimilar from that of Medford, they declared, Medford being an inland town and having none of the natural advantages possessed by this city. They state that population and other conditions also formed factors in establishing classifications of cities with reference to rates.

None of the Medford business men who are interested in the case was present at yesterday's hearing. They were represented by Attorney McCune of this city. W. D. Fenton handled the case for the Southern Pacific. The three members of the railroad commission—E. K. Campbell, Clyde Atchison and Frank J. Miller—heard all of the proceedings. While the attorneys did the questioning members of the commission occasionally interrupted the proceedings to inform themselves on particular points.

The interests of the local chamber of commerce were represented by Attorney A. B. Winfree.

The commission did not give promise as to the time the case will be disposed of.

REALTY DEALERS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.

Medford has arrived at a point in her development where she is the most talked of little city on the Pacific coast and more people are inquiring and investigating the Rogue river valley, with a view to its becoming their permanent home, than any other spot in southern Oregon. Homeseekers come first in contact with the real estate men. People of the east are unfamiliar with our conditions here. A farmer in Iowa may have good judgment as to agriculture in the middle west, but his judgment will avail him nothing in this valley, where intense farming is the rule. Consequently, it is no more than fair and business justice that he be told the plain truth. Surely the truth about the Rogue river valley is flattering enough. There is no portion of the district adjoining Medford and vicinity that will not produce something. There are apple orchards that have been planted on ground too heavy and cold to be good producers, while this same land would be par-excellent for pears—and so on. Even the so-called "desert," practically uninhabited, has proven to be a district that, with water, will produce everything that can be raised in the valley. The local market that is now being supplied from California and farther north in this state could be amply supplied by products raised upon this so-called "desert."

There are many real estate men in this town who are heavy taxpayers, are enterprising citizens and in every way deserve the respect of the community. There is also a class of irresponsible working only for the commission who will make any statement, or any kind of a misrepresentation, in order to make a sale. These men should be eliminated from the business or made to stick to the truth.

If the real estate men, as a body, wish the respect of this community and wish their business to be regarded in the light of a legitimate business, let them do like they have done in other cities, form a real estate association, meet often together and formulate rules whereby their business can be conducted with the same dignity that other lines of business are managed. If they refuse to get together, and maintain the same cut-throat business, then they do not deserve the assistance of the Commercial Club or any other body of citizens in Medford.

Either organize or quit talking about the rights of the real estate man.

TO VOTE ON NEW CHARTER JAN. 10

Committee Appointed by Mayor to Revise Document Reports to the City Council, Who Submits It to Voters for Their Decision.

The charter revision committee, after several weeks of hard labor, on Wednesday afternoon reported to the city council, submitting to that body an up-to-date instrument to take the place of the city charter, which has been deemed unwieldy owing to the large number of amendments which have been passed from time to time. The city council will submit the revised charter to the people for their adoption or rejection on January 10 at the regular city election.

One of the chief points of interest in the charter as revised is the provision for a water commission, composed of five taxpayers citizens to take charge of Medford's \$500,000 water system. The purpose of this is to gain a more economical administration of the water bureau in the city.

Another provision of interest is in the matter of registration of voters in the city. The charter as amended provides for a registration board to sit 20 days before election and be in session ten days from 1 o'clock until 7 o'clock each afternoon. A list of the citizens registered will be advertised.

The council at its meeting Wednesday appointed the following boards of election for January 10:

First ward—J. W. Ling, judge; J. L. Damon, judge and clerk; D. E. Lawton, judge and clerk.

Second ward—Joe Derry, judge; William Ulrich, judge and clerk; John Bellinger, judge and clerk.

Third ward—P. W. Chilgren, judge; John Summerville, judge and clerk; H. H. Lorimer, judge and clerk.

The polling places will probably be: First ward, over Huskins' drug store; Second ward, Hotel Nash sample room; Third ward, city hall.

The council also passed an ordinance for a six-inch lateral sewer on Fir from Second to Jackson, and a resolution for a four-inch on the same street.

A bill from Bise & Foss for construction of sidewalks was cut from \$100 to \$300 and allowed.

KIZIES NABBED AT SALT LAKE

Man Who Cashed Checks of Laborers on Pacific & Eastern to Amount of \$800 and Skipped With the Money. Is Caught in Mormon Metropolis.

In all probability the Greek laborers on the Pacific & Eastern railroad who were fleeced by a countryman out of the sum of \$800 some three months ago, will see justice meted out to their erstwhile friend, George Kizies, who was apprehended Tuesday in Salt Lake City and who is to be brought back to this city for trial. However, they will probably recover no portion of their money, for Kizies has probably spent it in his travels.

Kizies was working on the Pacific & Eastern road when he was sent to town one day by a number of his countrymen to cash their checks and make purchases for them. Kizies, with some \$800 worth of indorsed pay checks, came to the city, obtained the money and skipped out. Since that time the police in a score of cities have been looking for him, with the result that Kizies was nabbed in Salt Lake.

after careful test and comparison had been made of all makes of arsenate of lead manufactured in the United States. The growers of this valley will therefore have this season a safe and effective spray endorsed by the highest authorities.

The winners of the grand sweepstakes prize at Spokane National Apple shows were as follows:

1908—M. Horan, Wenatchee, Wash.

1909—Tronson and Guthrie, Eagle Point, Ore.

1910—C. H. Sproad, Hood River, Ore.

All sprayed with Grasselli Lead.

The Hood River Apple Growers' union have used this brand of lead for the past two seasons, and have renewed their contract for the coming season. 236

Bargain Corner

One corner of the store is given over to special buys. Just now we offer a special buy in shoes (not our regular lines, but new special lines), the best bargains ever shown.

LADIES' SHOES.

\$2.50 and \$3 Shoes \$1.95
 \$3.50 Men's Welts \$2.35
 \$3.50 Leather Lined \$2.35
 \$3.25 Work Shoes \$2.25

The Wardrobe
Home of Good Shoes

LOOK WELL TO YOUR EYES THAT THEY MAY BE A GUIDE TO YOUR FOOT-STEPS AND A COMFORT TO YOUR OLD AGE.

The hand of time cannot be stayed. People grow old, as years advance, the eyes grow weaker. To preserve the sight means to help the eyes do their work; to help the eyes means to wear glasses—not any glasses, but scientifically fitted glasses. I am fully qualified and equipped to give you the best in this line.

DR. RICKERT
Over Kentner's, Medford.

EaglePoint Eaglets

—By—
A. C. Howlett.

Harry Penn, a young man who has been partly raised by Professor J. C. Johnson on Reese creek, and one who is highly respected, started for Ohio last Saturday.

Austin Green, who was recently married to Miss Belle Maultby, and has been spending the honeymoon with her parents, has returned to his grandfather's, J. J. Fryer. They contemplate building on Mr. Green's lots in the spring.

Frank Manning, one of the progressive farmers and stockraisers of Rogue river, near Peyton, came out with his wife and one of his daughters Saturday and Sunday they went to Medford to have an operation performed on her nose and tonsils in the Medford hospital, he returning and started for home Monday afternoon. At last accounts the patient was getting along finely.

Engineer Cole and family went to Medford Saturday morning, returning Sunday evening. Clyde Plymire, who has charge of his engine at

night, and wife accompanied them. The railroad company have laid the track on the north of the depot for the passing track and getting it in fine shape. They are getting along nicely with the concrete work for the water tank and tomorrow (Wednesday) will commence to distribute the pipe to pump water from Butte creek for the big tank. It is said to hold 50,000 gallons of water and will be filled by a 25-horsepower engine.

It is definitely stated that the Lake Bros. intend to open up a bank here soon, but one of the brothers told me Monday that they were undecided as to whether they would open in the house in which they are living, the old Ulrich house, or wait until they could build in the spring, but we will have a bank anyhow, sooner or later.

There is some land changing hands here. Last week A. J. Daley sold to Gus Rosenberg a part of lots 11 and 12, in block 7, Emery & Daley's addition to Eagle Point; consideration \$250.

Central Point Items

Mrs. Jennie Towney who has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia and friends in California for several months has returned to Central Point. She reports having had a very enjoyable visit. When in Sacramento she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Hacks, and their many friends here will be pleased to hear that they are delighted with Sacramento and their new location.

Mr. E. H. Strohmeyer states that the Presbyterian Christmas tree will be at the new Cowley building on Second street, Saturday evening.

stead of at the town hall as previously stated.

C. C. Kelso & Sons from Derby made a business trip here the first of the week. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. McDonough and Mrs. Dunton were among the many from Tolo that were shopping in Central Point on Wednesday.

J. B. Stevens and wife are spending the winter in California.

The town council will hold a special meeting on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

ORIOLE MINE IS A BUSY PLACE NOW

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 22.—Work at the Oriole mine in the Galice district is progressing rapidly. They have at present 1 men at work busily engaged in driving tunnel 4, which is to cut the ledge at 900 feet. Seven hundred feet are already completed and the 200 feet will be finished by February 15 at the latest.

The Oriole is one of the finest equipped mines in the state and is well timbered and well timbered. It is electrically lighted throughout, completely piped for air drills and thoroughly ventilated. As soon as the tunnel is completed the management expects to put in reducing machinery.

The returns from the last car of ore shipped to the Tacoma Smelting company shows returns of \$204.20 per ton.

People will not assume that your store is as good as its strongest competitor unless its advertising is as good.

MUCH LUMBER IS SHIPPED BY SISKIYOU

WEED, Cal., Dec. 22.—Serving to give some idea of the importance of the lumber industry to Siskiyou county and some idea of what it means for the railroad company, it would take 11,500 freight cars to load the lumber sawed in the mills of Siskiyou county during the past year. These cars would make up a train 50 miles in length.

The freight paid on this lumber would average \$8 per thousand feet, or in round numbers would mean \$1,650,000 in freight tolls.

The output of the mill of the Weed Lumber company for the season was \$2,000,000 feet. The McClelland mill produced 102,000,000 feet. The other mills in this county produced 46,000,000. This aggregates 210,000,000 as the output in finished lumber of Siskiyou county. The Weed mill closed down last week.

The Mail Tribune want ads bring results.

ALDRICH, OPERATED ON, DOING NICELY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Although refusing to state the precise nature of the operation performed yesterday on Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, the authorities at Roosevelt hospital today vouchsafed the information that the senator was resting comfortably. It was stated that he would remain at the hospital at least a week.

It is generally understood that the operation was to relax a tense tendon in the senator's left hand. The injury was the result of an accident Aldrich sustained several weeks ago.

Notice to Contractors.

The board of directors of School District No. 49, Jackson county, Oregon, will receive bids for the erection and completion of two school buildings, one on the east side and West Jackson street.

Bids to be given covering carpentry work, brick work, plumbing, heating and wiring, according to plans and specifications on file. Board reserves right to reject any and all bids and to be accompanied with certified check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid.

Bids to be filed with the clerk in the 10th day of January.

ORRIS CRAWFORD, Clerk. 11

SECRETARY KNOX NOT TO OFFEND HON. JAP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The problem of preventing an affront to Japan and at the same time pacifying the people of the Pacific coast, who would protest against concessions to the Japanese, confronts Secretary of State Knox, who is preparing a preliminary convention on which a new treaty with Japan is to be based.

The proposed treaty will replace the convention ratified by the United States and Japan in 1894. The treaty at present in existence provides that it may be reconvened after July 17, 1911, by either party giving a year's notice. Neither has as yet renewed the existing agreement, but it is probable that both governments will desire changes.

The mikado probably will ask for the elimination of the clause prohibiting the immigration of Japanese into the United States.

SENATOR LORIMER IS PROPERLY WHITEWASHED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Exonerating Senator William Lorimer of Illinois of charges of bribery in connection with his election to the United States senate the committee on elections and privileges filed its formal report today. The charges were investigated at hearings held by a sub-committee of the full committee.

Senators Beveridge of Indian and Frazier of Tennessee did not sign the report.

"In the opinion of the committee Senator Lorimer's title to his seat in the senate has not been shown to be vitiated by the use or employment of corrupt methods or practices, the report says: "The committee asks to be excused from further consideration of the case."

OF INTEREST TO FRUIT GROWERS.

Want-advertise for a partner, or a backer—and push that business enterprise of yours.

After careful test and analysis by the department of agriculture bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C., and approved by the county pathologist, Prof. P. J. O'Gara, the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association have placed their contract with the requirements of arsenate of lead for the coming season. This was done only

MEDFORD THEATRE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 27th

Willamette University Glee Club
FIRST TIME IN SOUTHERN OREGON
An Evening of Music and Fun
Concluded with
"The Rajah of India"
A Comic Opera Sketch
Seats on Sale, Saturday, Dec. 24th



Benjamin Clothes

EVEN though time goes bounding along with Christmas arriving every year, apparently a little earlier each time, it is ever welcome, ever the occasion for festivities, greetings, kindness.

Let us wish you a Merry and Satisfactory Christmas, one which will prove happy and fruitful beyond our expectations. Let us also, at this time, thank you for your interest in us, and assure you that our efforts to serve you during the coming year are to be greater than ever.

SHOULD YOU FIND IT CONVENIENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO VISIT OUR ESTABLISHMENT WE WILL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU AND TO LEND YOU ANY ASSISTANCE WE MAY IN SELECTING APPROPRIATE GIFTS. OUR PARCEL DEPARTMENT IS AT YOUR SERVICE AND OUR SALES-PEOPLE AND OURSELVES WILL BE GLAD TO SERVE YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

DANIELS
For Duds
Largest Men's Outfitter in Southern Oregon