

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC SHOWN TO HAVE WAXED FATTER THAN ANY OTHER ROAD

Argument is Heard on Injunction Asked by Railroad to Restrain Commission From Putting 20 Per Cent Lower Rates Into Effect.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Arguments to show the enormous growth of the Southern Pacific company's business and the fact that in the past 19 years it has waxed fatter at the expense of its shippers than has any other railroad in the state were made before United States Judges Gilbert, Wolverson and Bean sitting en banc in the case of the Southern Pacific against the state railroad commission yesterday.

The suit is an application for an injunction by the railroad to prevent the commission from lowering distributive class rates from Portland to points on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. The railroad claims the proposed rates would do it great and irreparable damage and would seriously effect already impaired revenues.

Attorney Joseph N. Teal, speaking for the commission, said the Southern Pacific has enjoyed a greater growth in the past decade than any other line in the state and that in spite of having almost every expense met by the road charged to the item of operation so as apparently to reduce the size of net revenues, that still the road paid heavy dividends and interest on its indebtedness.

#### Argument Is Long.

Mr. Teal's argument opposing the granting of the injunction consumed the morning session of the court and a portion of the afternoon. He was followed by W. D. Fenton, who asked that the injunction be granted the road.

Mr. Teal showed many alleged inaccuracies of importance in the complaint of the railroad company, including the notable one of its place alleging the loss in revenue from the proposed changes would amount to nearly \$300,000, in another placing the figure at \$276,931, while in the affidavits of the rail-

road's experts the amount was stated at but \$138,020. He also claimed that Mr. Fenton, in quoting the lease of the Oregon & California by the Southern Pacific used the wrong lease and not the one now in effect.

Mr. Teal stated that the operations of the road under the lease have been so successful that in 1910 it could have paid 4 per cent on all stock over and above the 7 and 6 per cent paid on preferred stock and the interest paid on bonds and operation of road.

"The books have been made to show a deficit," said Mr. Teal, "by the simple process of transferring large sums, such as taxes, on all the lands held by the company, against the operating account. In the past few years many huge sums have been charged to maintenance so as to create a reserve fund."

Mr. Teal also presented arguments to show the commission's order will not affect interstate rates as is alleged by the railroad, giving many precedents to show that the state commission has a legal right to make a part of an interstate rate by the railroad company simply adding them to a through interstate rate.

In line with this argument he cited the action of the interstate commerce commission when Oklahoma was admitted as a state, dismissing numerous actions before it effecting intrastate rates in Oklahoma on the ground that such rates were under the sole jurisdiction of the state government.

### FORM PLANS FOR SPRING FESTIVAL

In order to formulate plans for the holding of a musical festival here next spring the Oratorio society will hold a meeting this Tuesday night in the Natorium building.

The intentions of the leaders of the movement for a festival are to arrange the date so that the serv-

### TWO COUPLES TELL TROUBLES

Judge Calkins, Sitting in Chambers, Hears Allen Divorce Case and Cole Case—Mrs. Allen Gets Decree in Her Favor.

The attention of Judge Calkins was directed to hearing two divorce cases in chambers last week. The first one was that of F. Y. Allen vs. Eva L. Allen of the Trail creek neighborhood, he claiming desertion. The wife turned the tables by not only asserting cruelty on the husband's part, but proving it, and secured a decree in her favor. The case was tried Thursday and judgment was rendered Friday morning. H. K. Hanna was Allen's attorney, while Gus Newberry represented the defendant's interests.

The second case was Jules F. Cole vs. Inez Cole, proceedings in regard to which have been ventilated for some time past, cruelty and adultery entering into the charges preferred, a divorce and custody of minor child being demanded by the husband as plaintiff, who was represented by C. B. Watson as counsel, the wife by E. D. Briggs. Arguments were submitted, decision being reserved by the judge, who still has the case under advisement.

### PROSPECTORS OFF TO FIND RICH LEDGE

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Prospectors today are preparing to make an attempt to find an unknown ledge of rich quartz, presumably discovered by "Mejave Bill," a negro, whose real name is Joseph Smith, and who was brought in from the desert last night, raving mad, with his pockets bulging with valuable quartz.

ices of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra can be secured. This organization, conceded by musical critics to be the third finest of its kind in the world, will make a tour of the Pacific coast during the coming spring.

### DUDLEY SPRINGS YOUNG 'PHENOM'

Pits His Man Against Champion and Wins at Billiards, Pool, Bowling, Shooting and Marbles—Looking for New Worlds to Conquer.

Howard S. Dudley is today touting the skill and ability of an all-around protegee who yesterday won the western championship in billiards, pool, bowling, shooting, and marbles. Dudley's find is John R. Tomlin, who successfully won a series of events from W. C. Green, local champion, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering of local sportsmen. The bouts were pulled off at the Natorium, Medford's huge amusement palace.

For several days Mr. Dudley, a-

manager of the skillful Mr. Tomlin, has sought matches for the young phenom. Finally he was successful, and negotiations conducted with John Barneburg, who appears for Mr. Green, were satisfactorily closed. Monday, being a holiday, was set as the date.

The games opened at 2 o'clock. Mr. Tomlin won two out of three

games at billiards, bowling, pool, shooting and marbles. The last of the series of games was hugely enjoyed. A ten-foot ring was arranged and 15 marbles used. Mr. Tomlin's execution was perfect and his skill was marvelous. His onslaught was furious, yet cautious, as he had no mean opponent to play against. Mr. Green's ability is well known to

local fans. Mr. Dudley is now seeking new worlds for his protegee to conquer.

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Balance of Trimmed Hats reduced accordingly.

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For this January Clearance we will give a one-fourth reduction on all Silk Waists, Wool Waists and Tailored Waists.

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