

## COLVIG OBJECTS TO USE OF ROOMS

President of Commercial Club Registers a Kick Against Medford Traffic Bureau Using Club Rooms in Which to Hold Hearings.

Judge W. M. Colvig, president of the Medford Commercial club, protested vigorously against permitting the traffic bureau to use the rooms of the club in the Natatorium building for the hearing for lower freight rates being brought by the bureau against the Southern Pacific Railroad company before Special Examiner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Colvig declared before the members of the traffic bureau, the railroad officials and the examiner who were present at the Commercial club rooms immediately before the commencement of the hearing last Friday morning that "the bureau had better hire a hall in which to hold their hearings."

### SENATE REFUSES TO CONSIDER CARNEGIE BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The senate today refused to consider the bill incorporating the Carnegie Peace Endowment because Congressman Jones of Washington urged that the government should not perpetuate the memory of anyone. Jones said he favored the proposition if it were carried under an impersonal title.

### "NATORIUM" IS OPEN ALL DAY SUNDAY

The better the day the better the deed and the fact that cleanliness is considered next to Godliness are the two reasons held out by the management of the "Natatorium" why the shower and tub baths, which remain open all day, should be patronized on Sunday.

The skating rink is open during the afternoon and the bowling alleys, billiard room and rifle range remain open throughout the day.

The clean manner in which the "Natatorium" is conducted and the fact that no objectionable people are permitted within its doors, make of it an ideal place to spend Sunday.

### IF REBELS WIN SUCCESS IS SURE

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the riflemen ever lived who could hit me. It takes a crack shot to hit a low-flying bird. I flew higher than any of them do. And if I had been over enemies I would have flown twice as high and been twice as hard to hit."

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 11.—With about 1200 insurgents scattered about Juarez today, it looked as though the siege of the city had begun. Orozco's forces were spread out in a wide semi-circle, extending from near Saragossa, and every piece of cover in the hills was tenanted with bands of rebels.

All through the night small bands came in to the support of Orozco and the leader of the insurgents seemed to have made up his mind that nothing was to be gained by further delay. It was believed probable that at last there would be "something doing." In the city the federals exercised martial law and made every effort to strengthen their defense against the seemingly impending attack. Piles of sandbags and of adobe bricks were heaped up in the most exposed stations of the defenders and the usual lethargy of the troops was today transformed into an activity which is taken to mean that their sleep had brought word of a movement for the capture of the city.

Disregarding a warning by American Consul Edwards not to venture into Mexico, two Americans, A. Connel and Thomas Griffin, went across the river last night and were arrested by the federals in Juarez. After being held for some hours both were released early today. They report that federal pickets were posted in all the Juarez suburbs during the night and that the troops were apparently watching for an attack.

MEXICALI, Mex., Feb. 11.—General Simon Herold and his band of insurgents re-captured Mexicali at 6 o'clock this morning. The insurgents were camped about two miles below Mexicali last night and marched into the town today, routing the Mexican officers, who crossed the border into the United States.

### CITY SHOWS IT IS ENTITLED TO LOWER RATES

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reasonable by answering that they had but recently been reduced from Portland here. Examiner Prouty asked the witness

if the recent reduction did not make the rates from Portland to this city relatively much lower than the rates from San Francisco and was told that the reduction reflected on the rate from the south here as that rate is based by the company on the steamer rate from San Francisco added to the local rate from Portland to the shipping point.

"The only exception to this rule," he said "is the established rate from San Francisco to Medford, which was found to be lower than it would be under any such computation."

Contra-dicts Self.  
Under cross examination by McCune, Lounsbury frequently contradicted himself and at one time, when asked if his theory of lowest rate to greatest population held good in New York city he stammered a reply, and at the mention of Chicago, answered bluntly that the rates in and out of that city were not then under discussion.

"Under your theory, Mr. Lounsbury," questioned McCune "should not San Francisco have a lower freight rate from the east than Portland?"

"No" was the answer "there are many other things than population to be taken into consideration."

Admits Medford Size.  
Lounsbury admitted that Medford has a larger population than any other city in southern Oregon, but required to be told what constituted southern Oregon before he would consent to answer the question.

According to his line of theorizing, Medford is entitled to a lower rate than any city south of Eugene, but this feature he refused to admit when put to him in a direct question.

That the present adjustment is unfair to this city was brought out in Mr. Lounsbury's testimony when the question of rates on furniture from Portland south were brought up.

"Upon a minimum shipment of 20,000 pounds," he said, "the present rate is 66 cents per hundred to Medford."

Memory Poor.  
Later, under direct questioning, he admitted that this same rate applied to points south of Medford even beyond the California line, but questioned as to what particular point, he could not remember.

Gaining permission from the commission, Edward A. Welch, a member of the Medford traffic bureau, took up the questioning of the witness.

"What is the freight rate from Portland to Yolo Cal.?" he asked. Yolo is approximately 130 miles from San Francisco.

"I believe that it is 61 cents" answered Mr. Lounsbury.

"Why, when Yolo is so much further south than Medford should the rate be less?" asked Welch.

"I don't know," was the enlightening answer given by the railroad man.

"Big interests."  
Speaking of the subservience of the railroad to big interests, and relating particularly to a case in which local merchants were discriminated against in favor of Portland jobbers, Welch asked:

"Is it not true, Mr. Lounsbury, that four years ago the firm of B. P. Theiss of this city were doing business in cereals in carload lots at the rate of 79 cents?"

Lounsbury believed that such might have been the case.

"Well, then is it not true that Portland firms, finding that they could not compete in this territory requested the railroad to reduce the rate," asked Welch.

The Rate on Beer.  
"I don't know, but I believe not," was the reply.

"Well, what is the present rate on beer?"

"Thirty-five cents."

"What was it then?"

"Seventy-nine cents."

"What made it drop?" asked Welch.

"It was lowered at the request of Portland shippers," answered Lounsbury.

"At about that same time, what happened to the local brewery?" asked McCune.

"I believe it closed," the witness answered, but hastened to add:

"Water Was Bad."

"It closed because the water was found unfit and, as several attempts had been made to reach suitable water by having without success, the same firm, owners of a brewery in Portland, availed themselves of the lower rate to ship in here instead of manufacturing."

Speaking of the effect of water transportation and water commodity rates on the railroad rates between San Francisco and points along the line and Portland and the same points, it was brought out that by the system used, that of adding to the local rate from Portland to the point in question the water rate from San Francisco to Portland and calling the sum the freight rate from San Francisco to that point, the town of Talent was the point of equalization. Under direct examination, however, this was refuted.

Rates to Talent.  
The rate from San Francisco to

Talent, and from Portland to Talent should, under that practice be the same, but questioned as to the rates in force, Mr. Lounsbury stated that the rate on first class freight from Portland to Talent is \$1.22 per hundred pounds, and that the rate on freight of the same classification between San Francisco and Talent is \$1.66. The difference in distance is 73 miles.

From San Francisco to Portland, and reverse, by boat is 45 cents per hundred. By train it is 51 cents.

"From San Francisco to the California state line is \$1.36 per hundred, yet to the next station north, only a matter of a few miles, the rate is \$1.50.

Answer is "Because."

Asked "why?" the answer was practically "because."

The hearing then adjourned until Saturday morning.

Despite the fact that no limit had been placed upon the length of time which the railroad might care to devote to cross-examination of the traffic bureau's witnesses, the first request made by the railroad was that the hearing be limited so that the officials of the road could leave the city on the morning train for the south. Mr. McCune objected, saying that he did not know when he would be through with the witnesses, but after the commission had heard a number of the supposedly "expert" witnesses placed on the stand by the railroad, it was consented to allow the hearing to come to a close in time for the officials to take their train.

In response to a request from the railroad attorneys, Mr. McCune permitted the testimony of a railroad expert witness, relating to established grades and cost of transportation over them and their maintenance given at a former case to be entered into the testimony of the present case. He specified, however, that an expert witness be provided by the operating department of the road for cross-examination. This was promised.

### No Technical Witnesses When the hearing opened yesterday.

## FOR SALE

20 acres orchard, \$4000 income; \$16,000; easy terms.  
50 acres or more, all cleared, 1 1/2 miles to Eagle Point, \$75 per acre; fine fruit land.  
80 acres, 20 in 6 year apples, 5 in 3-year-old pears, 2 miles to town; 145 per acre.  
60 acres, close to city limits, \$150 per acre. Terms.  
140 acres fine fruit land, all cleared, close in, \$200 per acre.  
20 acres, 10 in orchard, 25 in alfalfa, 70 under ditch.  
280 acres on E. R., close to town, fine bottom land, \$100 per acre.  
180 acres in bottom, 135 cultivated, water, right well situated, \$12,500.  
110 acres, 3 miles from town, 70 cleared, 6 in orchard; rich black soil; buildings; \$85 per acre.  
11 acres, 8 in pear orchard, good house, well, windmill, 8 chicken houses, 4 1/2 miles out; \$3300; good terms.  
34 acres under ditch, on main road, 3 miles out, \$250 per acre; terms.  
5 Good lots, \$1,250.

### CITY PROPERTY

Lot on W. Tenth, \$350.  
5 room bungalow, new, plastered, all furniture, \$1500.  
Lot on W. Palm, \$975, terms.  
West Walnut Park lots, \$275-\$350; \$25 down, \$10 month, 6 per cent; 7 good lots, \$1075; easy terms.

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City and ranch property to list.  
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day morning, however, it was discovered that neither of the witnesses present were witnesses, and to all questioning of a technical nature put to them by McCune they were forced to throw up their hands and resort to a plea of ignorance.

According to the figures compiled by the rate experts in the employ of the traffic bureau and introduced by them as a fair charge, they allow an extra charge of from 15 to 29 cents per hundred pounds to repay the extra cost of transportation over the mountains.

This, is claimed by the railroad to be insufficient, yet one of their witnesses at the hearing yesterday morning admitted from the witness stand that almost all of the down grades were "coasted."

### Local Firms Can't Compete.

The first part of the hearing, which commenced shortly before noon last Friday morning, was given over

## For Sale

15 acres, 3 miles from Talent, fenced, timber, alfalfa and fruit land, good house, pure water, 1/4 mile from school, 300 young pear trees, lovely place; \$2000, one-half down.  
This 15 acres is one of the loveliest small ranches in southern Oregon. Sheltered by the hills from the cold winds of winter, deep, fertile soil, an ideal place for health.

Also 24 acres, 1 mile from Talent, 12 acres of fruit, family orchard in bearing; apples, Newtowns, 12 acres, peach filled; 7 acres timber, irrigated, dwelling house shaded by large laurel trees, plenty of water; fertile soil; garden spot; pumping plant; terms, \$13,000, \$7900 cash, the balance in payments of \$1000 yearly at 6 per cent.

Also 20 acres alfalfa and fruit land, with timber, 1 mile from Talent; \$6500 cash down; just think what a snap, a little over \$300 an acre. Where can you find near the depot and railroad a cheaper place?

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Also 17 acres, 14 acres commercial fruit bearing orchard, 2 miles from Talent; \$10,000, one-half on time.

Also 50 acres fine timber, \$2000, one-half down.

A fine fertile Fruit Farm, all under cultivation; fenced; new five-room house, bath room, etc.; out-buildings, barn, etc.; level; one and one-half miles from Talent, Oregon; good well of water; young orchard of apples, mostly Newtowns and Spitz; twelve and one-half acres in pears; two acres in peaches, etc. Trees young, from 1 to 3 years. Price \$8,750, one-half cash, balance to suit purchaser.

Also 24 acres, orchard and alfalfa land; 2 1/4 miles south of Talent, Ore.; 1300 young fruit trees, apples, peaches and pears; one acre in bearing; house, barn and outbuildings; all fenced, most of it being Page wire fence, 19-strand, rabbit tight; sub-irrigated and tiled; \$2250 acre; over half down, the rest on time at 7 per cent.  
Also lands, alfalfa and fruit, from 20 to 800 acres. Write, enclosing stamps, or come and see me.

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## OLMSTEAD & HIBBARD

WEST SIDE GROCERS

to the testimony of H. C. Garnett, Edward A. Welch and George F. Cuthbert, witnesses for the traffic bureau.

Their testimony showed conclusively that under the present condition it is impossible for local firms to compete in the open market with jobbers of Portland, and further showed that Medford buyers are being forced to purchase in the east many supplies manufactured and produce grown in California because of the fact that the present freight rates absolutely preclude the possibility of procuring them in the southern metropolis.

The Grocery Business.  
Welch went into the details of the grocery business and showed that, notwithstanding the fact that considerably over 70 per cent of the commodities dealt in in that business here originate in the California markets, local shippers either have to ship them in via Portland or buy direct from Portland jobbers.

Cuthbert testified that in the matter of furniture, that commodity is so much cheaper in the California market than in the ports of Portland that, regardless of the present exorbitant freight rates it can be landed here from San Francisco and

sold at a lower price than if purchased in Portland.  
A reduction in the rates, he said, would enable a considerable reduction in the price of furniture here, as it is sold at the purchase price plus the shipping charges.  
Attorney McCune succeeded in introducing in evidence an article published recently in the Railway Gazette under the signature of an expert named Eaton dealing with the methods employed by railroads when determining rates. The commission allowed the introduction of the article despite strenuous objections by the railroad attorney.

## New Arrivals Added to the Showing of Attractive Spring Suits

New Spring Suits are arriving by most every express, adding interest to the already excellent showing. There are numerous attractive styles from which to select, all representative of fashion's tendency toward the straight narrow effect. Many are severely plain tailored, others have some braiding or buttons to relieve the plainness. Skirts are cut narrow enough to give the desired effect without being extreme; made of such materials as worsteds, suitings and serges, in all the new light spring colorings and staple shades. Many of these are shown in small women's sizes as well as the regular and outsizes. Moderately priced at from

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