

## BRANDEIS ON RATE DECISION

Attorney for Shippers Declares That No Enlightened Railroad Will Contest—Result Based on Investigation and Evidence.

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I do not believe that the management of any enlightened railroad will fight the decisions against the rate increases after the full and fair hearings before the interstate commerce commission. The question has been considered for six months and all have been given opportunity to argue for and against the proposed rates.

The decisions were based on evidence and the opinion of the commissioners was unanimous. That opinion so far as it has been given to the public shows that the subject has been carefully considered and that the decision of the commission was inevitable.

I do not believe there is any justification for the slump in the stock market today. On the contrary, I think that railroads like the Reading will finally conclude that the decision of the interstate commerce commission will lead them to a brighter future.

It will be remembered that a number of so-called railroad defeats have been but avenues to greater prosperity. It will also be remembered that when the commerce law made conditions more stringent, notwithstanding that the roads had beaten, the abolition of rebating was really a great step forward. Likewise the railroads when they were forced to abolish passes made a distinct gain without a single disadvantage.

Then the roads were forced by law, after a long contest, to apply safety devices to their cars. All will admit that this reform supplied a great gain in transportation. The roads considered the limitations of their employees, labor a heavy burden, but the most enlightened railroads rejoice now with the community over that step to procure proper and safe conditions.

Nothing has so aroused the American people against the railroads for years as the attempt at raising rates. The decision of the commission undoubtedly will be followed by efforts by enlightened railroad managers to have the roads help themselves. This is bound to result in immense improvements and economies in operation and management. These will secure to the roads the co-operation of the American people.

I do not believe the railroad improvements will be curtailed or that the earnings of the railroads or their employees will be reduced. On the contrary, railroad prosperity, with greater efficiency, will be placed on a firmer basis and the principles of scientific management as applied to railroads, will be sure to produce, as in other branches of industry, higher wages.

### LAWSON PREDICTS BIG BULL MARKET

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 25.—The rate decision is the biggest argument for a bull movement since the Standard Oil company was hailed into court," said Thomas Lawson over the long distance telephone from Poland Springs, Me., today. "When the capitalists of Europe absorb the significance of this official guarantee of the prosperity of American railroads, there will be big things doing. The decision is the foundation for a magnificent bull situation."

### REV. GEO. MOSELEY

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## Our Correspondents

### CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

Mrs. J. O. Isaacs returned from Pasadena Thursday evening after spending the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Caley of Yoneda are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ed March.

Our railroad agent, Mr. Cornelius, departed Friday morning for Jefferson, Or., to visit his aged father who is very ill.

Mr. Crabtree is railroad agent here until Mr. Cornelius returns. Miss Marguerite Holmes of Woodville spent the week end with home folks here.

S. S. Aiken, Ed March and A. Caley spent Friday in Grants a pass.

Mrs. W. J. Gregory, Mrs. Lesmeister and Mrs. A. W. Beebe were Medford visitors Friday.

Miss Bessie Lee spent a day this week with her sisters, Mrs. W. C. Owen and Miss Maud Lee.

Mrs. Randall and daughter, Bessie, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Whipple at Woodville.

Fred Farrar, one of our popular young men, is very ill at his home.

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