

# RATES FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SOUTHERN OREGON ARE UNREASONABLE

### So Declares Interstate Commerce Commission in Its Thursday's Ruling—Commissioner Lane Declares They Emphasize Discrimination.

Later dispatches regarding Thursday's ruling of the interstate commerce commission which permitted the Southern Pacific to charge less for the freight haul from San Francisco to Portland than to intermediate points, in order to meet water competition, show that the Medford traffic bureau, which launched the fight, has won an important victory for southern Oregon, for the commission declares that the rates to points in southern Oregon are "excessive and unreasonable in themselves, thereby emphasizing the discrimination between such points and Portland."

The commission says plainly that rail rates from San Francisco to Portland and vice versa are clearly fixed by water competition and that it seems that four-fifths of the traffic between these two territories actually moves by water. Railroads have to meet the water rate in order to get business. But the commission says:

#### Situation Not Justified.

"The carrier has not justified the rate situation presented in its tariff in these respects:

"1. Application of same rates from other points upon San Francisco bay and points inland to Portland as are extended from San Francisco.

"2. Application of higher rates southbound from Portland to points inland than San Francisco.

"3. Application of higher rates to point on Willamette river on traffic northbound from Portland than are applied on traffic southbound from Portland to points on Sacramento river.

"4. Application of rates from San Francisco that are higher to points between San Francisco and Portland than combination of locals on Portland.

#### Further Showing Permitted.

"5. Application of unreasonably higher rates at intermediate points. Instead, however, of denying the application of the carrier, we shall give permission for it to make further showing under its application, in accordance with the views herein expressed as to requirements of law."

In the course of his ruling, Commissioner Lane says: "Disregarding almost entirely the wide spread between its Portland and intermediate rates, the Southern Pacific sought to justify its violation of the prohibition of the fourth section by establishing the fact that it was called upon to meet water competition in its haul between San Francisco and Portland. This contention is fairly established.

"There has, however, been no sufficient justification shown for the widespread difference which exists between Portland rates and those to intermediate points.

"For the long haul from San Francisco to Portland, the Southern Pacific charges less than one-third the rate which it imposes upon an interior city little more than half the San Francisco-Portland distance. From Sacramento, the rate to Portland is less than one-third the rate from Sacramento to points just one-half as far.

#### Undue Discrimination Unlawful.

"It was not the intention of congress to permit the carrier to discriminate in favor of a more distant point to such an extent as to effect not only undue discrimination against nearer points, but the imposition of an excessive charge. It would seem fundamental in the enforcement of the fourth section that the carrier shall make proof, not only of the water competition, as in this case, but of the reasonableness of the rates as applied to intermediate points.

"In making rates to intermediate points, based upon a more distant point, the carrier should give the intermediate point the benefit of the Portland rate, plus the local back. More than this would be unjust. Combination of locals may not be exceeded, even when the locals are in part duplications of each other. This combination, however, is exceeded to many points in Oregon. Moreover, the back haul rate, if permitted as a factor, must conform to the restrictions of the act as to reasonableness. The commission has made an investigation into rates to points in southern Oregon, and finds them to be excessive and unreasonable in themselves, thereby emphasizing the discrimination between such points and Portland.

"While extending the San Francisco-Portland rate to bay and river points on the south, the carrier does not extend the San Francisco-Portland rates to points on the Willamette river on the north. If there is a reason for treating the southern points in a group, why should that same policy not be applied to northern

points? Of this there is no explanation offered by the carrier. Sacramento has the same rate to Portland that San Francisco has.

"Sacramento has the same first class rate to Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Eugene and Roseburg, but to Medford Sacramento has a lower rate than San Francisco. What is the explanation of this?

"Albany is 80 miles south of Portland, approximately the same distance down the Willamette that Sacramento is from San Francisco. The rate from Sacramento to Portland is the same as the rate from San Francisco to Portland. The rate from Sacramento to Albany is also the same as from San Francisco to Albany, but the rate from Albany to San Francisco is 15 less than the rate from Albany to Sacramento. There is no reason given for this difference. Furthermore, if the Southern Pacific makes no differential between Sacramento and San Francisco on traffic moving to Portland, why should it make a differential on traffic moving to San Francisco from Oregon City and Portland? Here is violation of the long and short haul clause entirely unexplained."

The ruling was given until March 4 to file further answers to the complaint.

### CLARK AND CANNON ARE AUTO ENTHUSIASTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Although Speaker Champ Clark refuses to be given an automobile by the government for his official use, he does not refuse to ride in one. He is a frequent passenger in the private car of former Speaker Cannon. The "automobile cronies" is the name given Clark and Cannon, because of their frequent gasoline jaunts. Cannon became so addicted to the buzz wagon while enjoying one at the expense of Uncle Sam as speaker that he invested after he lost the speakership. He has a high power six passenger limousine.

Automobile salesmen are watching Speaker Clark's political boom, but hopes for a sale to the Missourian will be lost if he goes to the White House and gets a number of government automobiles at his disposal.

### WILL DEMAND GENERAL ADVANCE IN WAGES

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—According to announcement made here today a general advance on wages on the expiration of existing contracts is to be asked this spring by the building trades unions. Lathers will demand \$6 a day, an increase of 50 cents over the present scale. Carpenters, now receiving \$4.80, want \$5.25 daily. Plumbers ask an increase from \$5 a day to \$6. Plasterers already have renewed their contract at an advance of 50 cents a day.

### WOMAN, YOU ARE NO SPHINX TO THIS BOY

CHICO, Cal., Feb. 17.—Charles Roberts, 17 years of age, and a member of the junior class of the Chico high school, has written an essay describing the ideal woman—his ideal woman. It reads:

"A woman is a human being of the finer sex, whose peculiar construction, manners, customs and ways make her a vastly important factor of mankind and its progress.

"Woman's mission in the world is to look pretty, dress in outlandish ways and torment man till he is happy.

"It is the nature of man to find fault, and he is never satisfied until he has found it, so woman was sent to help him out.

"Woman is just as important as man, at least in California. If she wants to vote, man should humor her by consenting. Even if it does no good, it will do no particular harm.

"Woman is the most perfect nuisance in the world, but, after all, she is a necessary evil and a pretty good thing to have about the house."

#### Morris to Meet Wells.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, will be the first opponent of Bombardier Wells, the English heavyweight champion, who is due to arrive in this country March 10. The two white hopes will clash for 10 rounds before a local club on either March 24 or March 31.

PORTLAND, Ore.—A. C. Carpenter, an Idaho mining man, loaned two strangers \$125 in bills to play a "disappearing trick" in a local saloon. One of the men disappeared and the other gave Carpenter a check for \$980 and likewise disappeared. The bank would not cash the check.

### EXPLORER PEARY IN MARBLE.



Arctic exploration is to have a place in the niches of fame in the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, for Mr. William Cooper, the sculptor, has just made a marble bust of Mr. Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., and it will soon be placed in the foyer of the institution. The bust represents the discoverer of the North Pole in a fur garment, symbolical of his quests in the frozen zones. The explorer posed for Mr. Cooper soon after his last return.

### GOVERNOR JOHNSON FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 17.—Indication that Governor Johnson of California is to bulk big in the coming republican campaign, possibly as a candidate for the vice presidency, is seen here in the announcement that he has agreed to address the Ohio constitutional convention here, possibly next Wednesday, when Theodore Roosevelt will explain his public stand.

Johnson was informed that Delegate Harrison intended to present a resolution asking that he be invited to speak and agreed beforehand that if requested to do so by the convention would make an address.

### GOVERNOR WEST FIRM FRIEND OF SUFFRAGE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—Governor West, presiding at a suffrage meeting at the capitol Thursday, endorsed the movement, saying:

"While I have been preaching suffrage on the quiet for a long time, this is the first time I have been roped and brought into the open and made to declare myself. I am in favor of equal suffrage because I believe it is right and because I have faith in women. They stand for better things. The majority of the men are so wrapped up in their selfish affairs they do not give the time they should to good government.

"So I have decided to give the women my support in this fight. "The old cry that the best women will not come out and that the undesirable will be the only ones to vote is absolutely unfounded. And even if it was true, I would trust in the undesirables, because women, in my opinion, are all to the good.

"I want to say that if women are given the same chance they will be as big and brainy as men. Many men are what they are because of what their stenographers know. Many men are traveling through life on the brains of their wives or their office stenographers."

### Disgusted and Will Leave

Some people were disgusted with Medford and the valley because it did not rain all the time as they were told it would, and now since we have had this delightful rain are disgusted and will not stay, thus things are always at cross points. But it will rain and the sun will shine just the same whether you go or stay. It makes no difference whether you paint your houses and fences or not, your neighbor will not be a moss-back just because you are. The streets will be paved and Medford will grow whether you wish it or not. Your poor old wife can use a washboard, but mine will use a 1909 washer. You can use a coal oil lamp but others want the best and use electricity. You can cut the weeds in your yard with a case knife, but up to date people have grass and cut it with a ball bearing lawn mower. Yes, you can kick and snort and send away for your coffee, but Medford will grow just the same and when you take your last ride to the top of the hill people will wonder why you ever lived. Paint up, get in the push, be as other people and be happy and once in a while look into the big store and see what is going on.

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# THINK COOPER HAS WATER SYSTEM FOR BUTTE FALLS ANOTHER WIFE

### San Francisco Police Say That Clever Swindler Has Added Another Victim to His Long String of Matrimonial Escapades.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 17.—That Sir Harry Westwood Cooper, heart-breaker, forger and swindler of international notoriety, has added another victim to his matrimonial escapades as well as another forgery to the long string of records his active pen has "doped" is the belief of Captain of Detectives Peterson, who has secured additional proof that Cooper, as "Dr. Abraham" on February 9 was married to Anna Milbrath in St. Marks church here.

Though the chief has verified the fact that Dr. Abraham was married to Miss Milbrath, he has been unable to secure any trace of the issuance of a local license by the county clerk, and he is of the opinion that Clark forged the license.

What has become of the fugitive's latest wife is a mystery. The police do not believe that she is accompanying the penman, but believe that she has gone into hiding. The girl is only 20 years old.

The search for Chadwick-Cooper-Abraham, etc., has spread throughout the state. The San Francisco police are on the outlook for the fugitive, though they have not been advised by the Oakland authorities to take any action in the matter. The Sacramento police are watching all trains and every effort is being made to prevent the getaway of the paroled prisoner.

Captain Peterson believes Cooper will be captured within the next 24 hours.

A fact upon which the police are counting for the arrest of the bogus nobleman is that he was the most disliked convict in San Quentin, and that his whereabouts as soon as discovered by any of his former fellow inmates will be quickly "tipped off" to the authorities.

### LIBERTY BELL MAY NOT COME WEST

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 17.—City councilmen here today say there is little likelihood that the famous Liberty bell will be permitted to leave Independence square. While San Francisco's official request for the relic as an exhibit at the Panama Pacific fair in 1915 has as yet not been received, it is a foregone conclusion that such a request will be denied, as an ordinance exists forbidding the removal of the bell from Philadelphia. Revocation of this ordinance is improbable.

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Over 6000 feet of board walk has been laid and more will be put down soon.

### RESOLUTION HAS BAD EFFECT ON INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The general fear that the Chinese revolution may have a depressing effect upon the strawbraid industry in China—and, consequently, upon the quantity of straw imported into this country for the making of straw hats—is not founded upon fact, according to a report just made by Consul J. C. McNally, at Tsingtau, China, to the state department.

McNally states that the straw hat industry in this country is in no danger of being hampered by lack of material because the activities of the



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### CHICAGO LIMITED WRECKED; 4 DEAD

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 17.—The Chicago Limited on the Pennsylvania railroad collided today with a wreck near Larwill. Four were killed and ten injured in the smash.

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