

Rate Adjustment to Build Basin Distribution Point Importance Held Essential

By VAN HEMERT
Emphasis on the importance of freight rate adjustments to benefit Klamath Falls' position as a distributive center was the dominant note of a Thursday night meeting sponsored by the Klamath Basin rates bureau to introduce shippers and transportation men to its new traffic manager, W. C. Cole.

Representatives of both the railroads and trucking concerns were present at the session, held at the chamber of commerce.

Midway in the meeting, Cole called upon the group for questions. For the next hour he was in the thick of a round-table rates discussion. One of the first problems presented was voiced by Elmer Balsiger, who pointed out a 15-cent per gallon overcharge is assessed petroleum products dealers in the Klamath area as compared with the area around Medford. This differential, Balsiger stated, is a result of previous rate structure which allowed a lower price to the Medford area from the California fields because of the fact that some oil and gas was being shipped from San Francisco to the harbor at Coos Bay, and trucked from there into the Medford area. To meet this com-

petition, the railroads were allowed to lower their rates to the Medford area.

Cole stated that the interstate commerce commission has abolished the rate structure which has permitted the railroads to meet the competition of water transportation. This is being done, he said, because water transportation rates have increased considerably in the last few years and are now practically on par with railroad rates. The old structure permitted lower port-to-port rates than those prevailing in the interior. According to Cole, the railroads must publish new rate schedules reflecting the changes ordered by September 1.

The immediate objective for which the rates bureau and its backers should strive, according to Cole, is to obtain better inbound quantity reductions and reductions in outbound less-than-carload rates. Of the two, the more important is the latter, he added. Klamath Falls is a natural redistribution center, one of a half a dozen such locations in the West, and cannot properly serve its natural area of distribution without more equalized small quantity rates. Cole emphasized that Klamath Falls seeks no special advantage in this matter, but only wants to bring transportation costs down to a level where local distributors can meet the competition of distant concerns.

Rates Bureau President George Davis filled Cole in on certain particulars in regard to this redistribution problem. He pointed out that wholesalers in the San Francisco and Portland areas have the advantage of very low through rates. These are granted because of the greater quantity of shipments from these points. In many instances, Davis said, San Francisco concerns can ship to Medford cheaper than Klamath Falls and Medford.

Cole noted that outbound agricultural and lumber rates are very equitable in most cases. The big problem is obtaining a better rate structure for the distributive industries in Klamath Falls.

Among those present at the meeting were A. A. Houk and A. G. Kusler of the Southern Pacific company, M. V. Schoonover of the Great Northern Railway Co., J. E. Atherton, representative of the Union Pacific, J. Dean Beckley of Beckley Livestock Transportation, Clifford L. Strom of Consolidated Freightways, Mrs. Paul Buck, Crystalite Tile and Brick Co., Dick B. Miller, Dick B. Miller Co., Al Hatton, Shaw Stationery, and C. H. Christy, Chemult pumice dealer.

Flood Control Message Set

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—President Truman will send to congress next week a special message recommending a comprehensive flood control plan for the entire Middle West, the White House announced today.

The message is expected to go to both houses about the middle of the week.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the flood control proposal will embrace not only the Missouri valley where recent floods have done extensive damage, but the whole area from the Rockies to the Appalachians.

Ross would not go into detail as to the cost or any other features of the plan at this time. He said the president is working on the message today and expects to spend more time on it next week.

The message will precede the president's message based on the latest report from his economic advisers.

Demo Reorganization Not Planned

BEND, July 12 (AP)—The democrats have no plans to reorganize their state central committee, Byron G. Carney, state democratic chairman, said that if county committeemen and committeewomen were put off the groups, control would be placed in the hands of too few persons.

Rex Kimbell, assistant attorney general, recently said in an informal opinion that a new state law required the committee to drop all committeemen and committeewomen.

CORRECTION
Houses in pictures one and two in Friday's The Herald and News, showing new construction in the south suburban area of Klamath Falls, are in Summers park, the tract built up by R. P. Oliver and Louis Brown.

Summers park extends along Clinton avenue and Bristol avenue adjacent to Bureker place, the tract developed by Lee W. Bureker, contractor. In Friday's paper the lines under the pictures identifying the houses placed the row where Kenneth Bellin is standing, in Bureker place, which is inaccurate. These houses are in Summers park.

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Correction

There will be no dance at the Midland Grange this Saturday. Through error the dance was advertised for this week. The next Midland dance will be July 19.

On Radio



Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, who headed the medical program at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks during the war, will be a featured speaker on ABC's "Doctors Talk It Over" to be heard over KFLW Monday at 9 p. m. Dr. Coggeshall, now head of the department of medicine, University of Chicago, will speak on "Yellow Fever."

Transportation News

From Albert A. Houk of the Southern Pacific company comes the following information:

G. H. Kilborn, superintendent of the Shasta division, was in Klamath Falls July 9 on an inspection trip. He was accompanied by Joe Wheeler, division engineer, and his plans include the continuation of his inspection as far as Lakeview.

Houk also revealed that several shipments of alfalfa hay are being made from the Tululake region to the Coos Bay area. And on the personal side, W. C. Hughes, local trainmaster, is now in San Francisco enjoying a vacation.

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Soviets Still Eyeing US Funds

MOSCOW, July 12 (AP)—Russia and other Eastern European nations which are not attending the Paris economic conference have not closed their doors or eyes to the

idea of receiving American credits. Furthermore, informed persons in foreign circles say, Russia probably would not consider it as an unfriendly gesture if American credits were granted directly to European nations not attending the conference.

The Moscow press and radio

continued their attacks on the conference.

Commentators Marfin and Leontiev, writing in the communist newspaper Pravda, said Eastern European countries were interested in American credits, but not through any steering committee headed by Britain and France.

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