

HEARING ON RATES IS CLOSED

CASE IN WHICH SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS DEFENDANT IS BROUGHT TO END.

Reno, Nev., March 31.—Shortly after noon today Special Examiner Lyon closed the hearing for taking testimony in the case of the Nevada railroad commission against the Southern Pacific company and the Nevada & California railway. The testimony offered by the plaintiffs supported their contention that the merchants of Nevada were being charged rates in excess of the scale charged the so-called California terminal cities, such as Reno and Nevada points under the service rendered being discriminatory and unfair. The testimony further showed that goods delivered at Reno direct from the eastern point of origin were charged the same rate as the shipments that moved to the coast and then distributed from those points to the interior. It was further shown that no necessity existed for hauling shipments over the heavy and expensive mountain grades and then returning them to Reno. In this sense the plaintiffs showed that the railroad could not sustain such a scheme of rates as being lawful.

The direct examination of G. W. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, closed with the identification of some tables prepared to illustrate the justice of the rates as viewed by the defendants. Examiner Lyon leaves tonight for Washington and the railroad representatives go to the coast.

CONTEMPLATES NO NEW LINES IN WASHINGTON

While in the west recently, President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific stated that, while his company had many surveying parties operating in the west, there were no new lines under contemplation. A Spokane paper quotes him as saying:

"Numerous surveys of proposed lines have been made in this state for future use should business require that they be constructed. We always are looking into the future in this respect, but my present visit has nothing to do with new railroad building.

"The railroad business is like any other business and there is nothing so good as personal inspection to see the needs of the company. While I was in Spokane only a month ago, I wish I could get over the Northern Pacific's northwest territory more often. There is no better way to see whether we need more cars, more freight and passenger trains than by personal inspection. I like to meet our agents and others connected with the company. In that way I can get closer to the needs of the system."

BOX CARS BURN.

Five new box cars were totally destroyed by fire in the west end of the Northern Pacific yard here at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The fire is supposed to have been started by hobos.

THE HARRIMAN LINES WILL CONTEST

RAILROADS PROPOSE TO MAKE FIGHT ON DECISION IN SPOKANE RATE CASE.

Portland, Ore., March 31.—The Harriman lines, according to W. W. Cotton, general attorney for the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, will contest in the courts the recent decision of the interstate commerce commission in the case commonly known as the Spokane rate case on the ground that the Harriman lines are compelled to carry freight a much longer distance in order to deliver it at Spokane from eastern points than is the Great Northern or Northern Pacific.

Mr. Cotton makes the point, using class "A" freight as an illustration, that the rate from Chicago to Spokane is fixed by the interstate commerce commission at \$3 and the rate from St. Paul to Spokane at \$2.50 per hundredweight. In the same classification Mr. Cotton points out, the rate from St. Paul to coast points is \$2.50 and from Chicago to coast points \$3, notwithstanding the haul, by way of the Harriman lines, is many hundreds of miles less to the coast than it is to Spokane.

The burden of the contention of the Harriman attorney is that the rate fixed discriminates in favor of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, which are competitors of the Harriman system.

CHANGE DISTRICTS.

Special Agent J. F. Keown was in Missoula yesterday closing up his work in the Northern Pacific yards at this place. Mr. Keown's headquarters are in Livingston and a change in districts has been made, giving charge of the Missoula yard to J. S. Hindman of Spokane.

REMOVAL POSTPONED.

The removal of the Puget Sound dispatchers' office from Deer Lodge to Missoula, which was announced for yesterday, has been temporarily postponed until the rooms and necessary equipment can be made ready. This will probably be tomorrow.

RAILROAD BREVITIES

W. E. Dauchy, division engineer of the Puget Sound line at this place, left for Spokane yesterday. The trip is made in the interest of the engineering work of the new road. Mr. Dauchy will meet Chief Engineer E. J. Pearson at Spokane.

E. W. Metcalf, a member of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound engineering staff at St. Regis, is in Missoula for a few days.

E. A. Bradley, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railway, with headquarters at Helena, is spending a few days in Missoula with the local railroad officials.

DOCTORS ARE TAKEN TO WRECK

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES MEDICAL AID TO THOSE INJURED IN ACCIDENT.

Ogden, Utah, March 31.—At 5 o'clock this morning a special train containing doctors and nurses left here for the scene of the wreck of Union Pacific No. 35 westbound, which occurred east of here today. Trains left Ogden and Evanston at the same time.

Fireman Lowman was found burned under his engine, but the body of C. J. Gordon has not been located. It is supposed to have been burned in the baggage car with which the mail car and three passenger coaches was destroyed.

The train was running at a good rate of speed down Castle Rock Hill and came upon a landslide at 3:55 a. m. and before Gunnell could gain control, the engine had plowed its way in the debris, struck a large boulder and turned over.

Almost instantly flames broke out, enveloping the mail car and gradually extending back until five cars were in a blaze. Conductor S. P. Miller reports that no passengers were killed.

The scene of the wreck is 56 miles east of Ogden in the gorge of the Wahsatch range of mountains known as Weber Canyon, where the steep mountain sides at this season of the year are productive of landslides.

The block signal failed to warn the engineer of the obstruction owing to the fact that the slide was not heavy enough to break the rail connections. The train was made up of 12 cars, seven of which were saved from the flames by the passengers uncoupling a car at a time and pushing it beyond danger.

PASSES RESOLUTION FAVORING FREE TRADE

Manila, March 31.—The insular commission, sitting at Baguio, passed today a resolution favoring free trade and the general provisions of the Payne bill but requesting the assistance of the American government during the first three years of the new arrangement. Governor General Smith and Commissioner Forbes are returning to Manila where a conference will be held with the leaders of the assembly at which it is possible the latter body will modify the extreme stand it has taken against the Payne bill.

OPERATED LAND SCHEMES.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—William D. Owen, whose arrest at Augusta, Ga., is reported today, operated in Mexican Bonanza land schemes in which more than \$1,000,000 was invested in small parcels of stocks taken mostly by persons attracted by glittering full-page advertisements. The most prominent of the companies of which Owen was the head was the Uvero Plantation company of Indiana and Boston. Four years ago these companies crashed.

S.S.S. CURES SKIN DISEASES

The cause of all skin diseases can be traced to some humor or acid in the blood; the cuticle is always healthy where the circulation is free from impurities. When the blood is infected with acid or unhealthy matter it cannot perform its natural work of nourishing the skin, regulating its temperature and preserving its normal softness, pliability and healthfulness. Instead it irritates and inflames the delicate fibres and tissues around the pores and glands and produces some of the many forms of skin disease. The itching and stinging so often accompanying skin affections are produced by the deposit from the blood of the acid humors with which it is filled, into the sensitive membranous flesh lying just beneath the outer covering, and surrounding the countless nerves, pores and glands. This explains why scratching the outer skin affords no relief from the itching and burning. S. S. S. cures Skin Diseases of every character by purifying the blood. It goes down into the circulation and removes the humors or acids which are the cause of the trouble, builds up the weak, acrid blood, and permanently cures every variety of skin affection. Local applications can only soothe; they never cure because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes right into the circulation, reaches the trouble and cures it by removing the cause. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice free to all who write.

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RED M'INTOSH APPLE HAS NEW RIVAL

"YELLOWSTONE PIPPIN" RAISED NEAR FROMBERG, SAID TO BE NEW PROPOGATION.

Samples of the new apples the "Yellowstone Pippin," which has but recently been propagated and received here yesterday by Secretary Brayton of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, is hailed as the forerunner of an entirely new variety which will in many ways be superior to other apples and will be especially adapted to these northern states.

The apples were raised in the orchard of Jonathan Casser, located on the Clark Fork near Fromberg. Mr. Casser says he does not remember where he got the sprout for the tree, but this year the tree yielded an abundant harvest of apples which were of a distinctly new variety, in some ways resembling a Jonathon and in others

resembling a Pippin. Samples of the fruit were sent to the correspondent and to leading horticulturists throughout the country, and as many different names for the fruit were returned. All, however, admitted that the fruit had some characteristics which were not found in other well known varieties of apples.

New Variety. Finally Professor Fisher of the State Agricultural college, visited the Casser orchard and declared that the tree was of an entirely new variety, one unknown to science and he christened the fruit the "Yellowstone Pippin."

In many respects the apple is a superior article to any now raised in this neighborhood and is especially adapted to Montana. Its chief asset is that it will keep all winter long in a dry cellar, and those which have been stored this winter are now in perfect condition. The fruit is of unusually large size, temptingly luscious, and of a bright red color. Its flavor is especially good.

Will Boost the Fruit. At present there are no sprouts of the tree on the market but there is a well organized effort on foot to get several good commercial orchards of it started in this vicinity. Corbett Bennett has an orchard of 1,000 set out; W. J. Chambers has planted 1,000; J. E. Bolsta has planted 4,000; J. F. Kelly 1,000, and the Chilcote nursery has a good number of trees planted. Some are being raised from sprouts and others from seeds. Should the efforts of these orchardists be successful in propagating an entirely new apple and one that will be especially adapted to Montana and the Yellowstone valley they will have accomplished much for the valley.

The needs of an apple that will keep well in winter has long been left and this the Yellowstone Pippin seems to meet. The appearance of the apple will make it a ready seller at a fancy price. Those who may wish to see the new fruit can do by calling at the headquarters of the Billings Chamber of Commerce—Billings Gazette.

IN THE THEATERS

Of all the musical successes which were indorsed by New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis, the past season none stood out more boldly and continued throughout the entire year as did Charles Dillingham's production of the Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert musical story, "The Red Mill," which, in point of audiences and business, has never been equalled in this country by any musical play. The tone of refinement which pervades, the modest and picturesque costuming, the interesting and clever story of two American tourists who have gone broke on a trip, and who, after many complicated situations find themselves assisting in an escape from the mill, form one of the most sensational stories ever given a musical setting. It is made doubly entertaining by the introduction of some of the cleverest music ever composed by the author, Victor Herbert, who has fitted Henry Blossom's unique story and telling lyrics with melodies that will be hummed and sung and whistled for many years to come. Among the most successful musical numbers heard in "The Red Mill" are, "Every Day is Ladies' Day With Me," "You Never Can Tell About a Woman," "Go, While the Goin's Good," "The Streets of New York," "Because You're You," "The Isle of Our Dreams" and "I Want You to Marry Me."

Included in the cast are Walter Willis as Con Kidder, Nell McNeil as Kid Connor; W. H. Brown, Fred W. Huntly, Milton Dawson, Frederick McGee, Maurice Lavinge, Eugene Arnold, and the Misses Anna McNabb, Marguerite Fry, Sadie Kirby, Edna de Dreu and chorus of 50, together with the six little Dutch Kiddies and the company's orchestra.

UNIVERSITY ENGAGES DRAMATIC COACH

DONALD M'DONALD IS SECURED TO STAGE COLLEGE OPERA ON APRIL 16.

Work on the university opera, to be given at the Harnois theater on the night of Friday, April 16, is progressing rapidly and at the school enthusiasm over the coming event is at fever heat. The university has had a great piece of luck in securing the services of Donald MacDonald of New York, a leading dramatic coach in the east, to train the performers in the opera. Mr. MacDonald came here to visit his sister, Miss Louise MacDonald, and to take a very much needed vacation during the Lenten season. In order to take this vacation he was obliged to cancel his engagement to stage the University of Chicago's annual opera.

A Famous Coach.

Mr. MacDonald is particularly known as the coach of all the society productions of the "408" in New York, where his work with the Thursday Entertainment club and the "Powder and Rough" club, the two most exclusive society clubs in New York, has given him a wonderful reputation all over the country. Besides this, Mr. MacDonald has coached many of the leading universities in the east—Williams college, the Purdue university, University of Wisconsin, University of Virginia and Yale. He has just staged "The Talk of the Town" in Detroit, where in two nights the company played to over 6,000 people in the auditorium.

A Big Show.

This is Mr. MacDonald's first experience in staging a production in a town the size of Missoula, and the university people are much elated to think that they finally induced him to stage a production for them. This will, of course, be the most elaborate and pretentious affair ever attempted in Missoula. The cast and chorus have not yet been fully selected, but about 75 people, prominent in both town and university society and musical circles, will participate.

INSTRUMENTS OF RECORD

The following instruments were filed yesterday in the office of the county clerk:

- Deed—Missoula Trust & Security bank to A. C. Hollenbeck, part of lot 1 in block 13 of Knowles' addition.
- Deed—E. F. Booth, as trustee, to L. J. Mahoney, lots 26, 29 in Glenwood Park addition; consideration, \$300.
- Deed—L. J. Mahoney to B. L. Orr, above described property.
- Deed—O. M. Urlin, administratrix, to W. B. Belknap, lots 17 and 18 in block 64 of Urlin's addition; consideration, \$300.
- Deed—Central Realty company to W. H. and C. A. McClain, lots 17 to 24 in block 36 of Duly's addition. Quit claim deed—C. A. Yerrick to Garden City Brewing & Liquor company, property in McCormick addition.
- Deed—South Missoula Land company to N. Steele, lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 8 of Hammond addition; consideration \$10.

Billiken, \$1. Sent to Reeves' Music House, Helena.

At the Bijou Theater

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This picture tells us a story from France. It is of one of the many criminals in Paris. After you see the picture you can judge if anything similar happens in our days.

SAVED BY THE DOG

This is a rather interesting one. It shows a little child saved by a dog.

A PUT-UP JOB

In this picture is shown a bunch of girls having lots of fun by advertising for a husband.

ILLUSTRATED SONG

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Children's dresses, cut in the Princess style out of fine quality percales and gingham, in checks, stripes and plain colors; fancy collars and cuffs; sizes 2 to 14; regular \$2.00 value, for... \$1.50

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AND HEAR:
"Mignonette," "The Legend of the Mill," "Good-a-Bye, John," "You Never Can Tell About a Woman," "Whistle It," "The Streets of New York," "A Widow Has Ways," "Because You're You," "I Want You to Marry Me," "Go While the Goin's Good," "Every Day is Ladies' Day With Me."

Seat sale today at 9 a. m. at the box office. Prices—Boxes and first 12 rows, lower floor, \$2; balance lower floor and first two rows balcony, \$1.50; balance balcony, \$1; gallery, 50c.

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