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TERMINAL RATES WILL BE RESTORED

GET TERMINAL RATES THE CITY COUNCIL

R. R. COMPANY ADMITS ERROR OF CUTTING OFF GRAYS HARBOR.

A Welcome Telegram is Received, Stating Grays Harbor Would be Placed Among Terminal Rate Points as Soon as Possible, From Traffic Manager Hannaford.

Aberdeen, and all Grays Harbor, has received a most acceptable Christmas gift in the announcement that the Northern Pacific Railway Company has agreed to rescind the tariff that cut Grays Harbor out of terminal rates, and would place this point on terminal rates as soon as it can be done. When the importance of this measure is fully understood, it should make us all feel like raising our hats to the efficient joint committee that had this matter in charge, and patting ourselves on the back over the fact that the towns on the Harbor may scrap among themselves as much as they please, but they are a unit when the general welfare is threatened.

When the railroad company announced the new rates that cut this port off from terminal rates, a few weeks ago, a meeting was called by A. Rupert, manager of the West & Slade Grocery Co. The meeting was attended by representatives from all parts of Grays Harbor, and a committee was appointed to fight the change before the Interstate Commerce Commission and in the courts. Desiring peace, the committee at first tried to obtain a conference with the railroad officials. General Western Agent Blakeley was inclined to regard the matter as trivial, and said he had no time to give it, but a sharp telegram from Mr. Rupert had the effect of a Sunday conference between the committee and General Traffic Manager Hannaford, and Mr. Blakeley at Tacoma.

At this meeting the committee stated the claims of Grays Harbor for terminal rates so clearly and forcibly that Mr. Hannaford promised to take the matter up with President Elliott immediately on his return to St. Paul. That he did so with good effect, is evidenced by the following telegram received Tuesday:

"A. J. RUPERT,
"West & Slade Grocery Co.
"Aberdeen, Wash.:

"Mr. Elliott and I have discussed the Grays Harbor terminal rate proposition and decided that as soon as it can be done legally, to place you among terminal rate points. Am writing. "J. A. HANNAFORD."

To this the following reply was made:
"J. A. HANNAFORD,
"N. P. R. R.

"St. Paul, Minn:
"Committee assures you their appreciation of your prompt action and feel this will cement present friendly relations existing between your road and shippers here.

"E. O. McGLAUFFLIN,
"A. RUPERT,
"For the Committee."

Under the interstate commerce law, the railroad must publish any contemplated change of rates 30 days before they take effect, and the change affecting this port adversely was filed December 1, to take effect January 1. What Mr. Hannaford undoubtedly means by "as soon as it can be done legally," is that a new schedule must be filed 30 days before the concession to Grays Harbor will become legally effective.

Under the tariff sheet complained of there were sixteen points in the state of Washington allowed terminal rates, most of them insignificant shipping points, by either land or water, when compared with Grays Harbor. The following list of those points will show the injustice that would have been inflicted here by that schedule:
Anacortes, Ballard, Bellingham, South Bellingham, Blaine, Dupont, Edmonds, Everett, Kendall, Lowell, Olympia, Richmond Beach, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Wrenn.

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REFERS COSMOPOLIS ANNEXATION TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Several Street Improvements Ordered. Reservoir Site Reported Unsuitable. Special Meeting Tomorrow Night on Police Matters. Several Ordinances Passed.

At the city council meeting last night, a petition signed by 70 residents of Cosmopolis, was presented, asking that the town of Cosmopolis be annexed to Aberdeen, and a similar petition from residents of Aberdeen was read, requesting that the Cosmopolis petition be given lawful attention. The matter was referred to the city attorney and a committee, consisting of Leitch, Ingram and Weatherwax.

The engineer reported the site selected by the water committee for a reservoir to be unsuitable, the altitude being but 135 feet.

The saloon license of F. B. Reeder was renewed.

A request of R. S. Jackson for a rebate of street assessment was denied.

Jas. Beckey was allowed \$10 for witness fees in the shack cases.

The engineer reported the profile made of the bottom of the Chehalis river, for the projected water main.

The attorney reported the case of the City vs. R. S. Jackson, to compel the removal of a house off Sixth street, was set for trial next month. Noah Warwick was appointed special policeman at the American mill.

The clerk was directed to advertise for bids for 6,000 feet of 6-inch, and 4,000 feet of 4-inch water pipe, and 30,000 pounds of service pipe.

The S. W. Johnston Transfer Co. asked permission to erect a wagon scale in front of their new barn, on South F street. Referred to the street committee.

The following ordinances were passed: Regulating the use of firearms in the city; for the improvement of alley in block 26, W. & B's add; extending the time for the construction of the Broadway extension of the trolley car line, and amending the franchise of the G. H. Railway & Light Co.

The contract for the improvement of West Boulevard was awarded to the Union Mill Co.

Weatherwax, Dolan and Bowes were appointed a committee to frame a law providing for the condemnation of property for filling purposes. A petition for a street light at Third and G streets was referred.

Commissioner Hiltz was directed to repair the heating apparatus in city hall.

The engineer was directed to prepare plans for the improvement of B street, from Second to the cut in Highland Home addition.

One dozen helmets were ordered for the fire department.

The attorney was instructed to draw a resolution for the improvement of Blaine street from Division west to the city line.

The council will meet tomorrow night to investigate the dismissal of Policeman Lesnick, who alleges the chief discharged him without a hearing.

JANUARY JURORS.

List of Jurors Drawn to Serve in the Superior Court at January Term.

William J. Bird, J. L. Bezzo, John Cooper, B. H. Easter, Max Gradl, Sherman Hoover, Edw. Hulbert, Chas. A. Jump, John W. Jones, J. T. Langenbach, M. L. Martin, James McNamara, Geo. B. Reid, Job. L. Beardslee, B. Blechschmidt, Wm. R. Campbell, Hugh Fleming, Ole Gunnis, C. C. Hansen, C. V. Hartough, Carl Lund, J. W. Kirkpatrick, Edw. Long, P. S. Moak, W. F. Paul, D. C. Simmonds, Frank Worman, James W. Baldwin, Frank E. Cook, Isaac Cameron, Arthur A. Fry, Geo. Hitchings, Chas. Hegner, Wm. Irvine, Daniel Johnson, F. M. Kellogg, Daniel Mowry, R. O. McGlaufflin, Andrew Watt, W. Watson.

GRAND OPERA OPENS.



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RIGHT OF WAY MIXED

UNION PACIFIC AND PROPERTY OWNERS DISAGREE.

Owners Allege the Railroad Demands Would Block Free Access to the Water Front of Aberdeen. Each Side Makes Statement Contradicting the Other.

There is a notable divergence of opinion upon each side of the Union Pacific Railroad controversy over the right-of-way through Aberdeen. Owners of the land allege the railroad seeks to block the waterfront, while representatives of the Union Pacific deny emphatically any such intention, and assert that the excessive price placed upon the land desired is the only stumbling block.

In a newspaper interview given out by W. W. Eastman, president of the Western Cooperator Co., in Portland, that gentleman says:

"Agents of the Union Pacific have approached us several times asking for a right-of-way, thirty feet wide, for the most part, through our holdings in Aberdeen. At one point this right-of-way widens to 100 feet. The land desired stretches clear the length of our property—810 feet, on the south side of River street, parallel with and fronting on that street. We have had no difficulty in agreeing on price and other terms until it has come to the question of crossing rights. Naturally, we want to cross this 30-foot strip, as our business requires. Equally, of course, we want to effect some arrangement whereby we can retain the switching tracks, which we built at our own expense, to be connected at one end with the Union Pacific and at the other with the Northern Pacific. And just at this point the negotiations have been invariably broken off. The Union Pacific would not consider anything but the exclusive right to the 30-foot strip. It would not grant a roadway for teams or even a foot path across the right-of-way.

"We consider this whole thing an attempt on the part of the railroad to lock up the water frontage of the city, and as such it is an outrage on the people of Aberdeen and an unjust hardship on those men who have built up their business along the river front.

"We stand willing, if other property owners will agree, to donate to the city that 30-foot strip free of cost, and let the railway ask a franchise to it of the city. Does that look like an 'excessive demand?'"

On the other hand, Attorney J. B. Bridges, counsel for the railroad, says the company has no desire to block the water front; that it is willing to have as many street crossings as are necessary, in reason, but that they feel that the price owners place on their holdings are unreasonable and unwarranted, and that the cost would not justify the company in building there. A route is being surveyed on the south side, in an effort to secure a crossing of the Chehalis river farther west. Here are two statements distinctly opposite, each to be taken for what it is worth.

Stockholders Meeting.

The stockholders of the Harbor Electric Co., organized a short time ago for the purpose of doing a general jobbing business, will meet tonight to perfect plans and decide as to enlarging their working capital. The stock has been over-subscribed, as the leading contractors of the Harbor are buying to become members of the company. The present officers are: A. L. Davenport, president; H. A. Bottomly, secretary, and F. W. Loomis treasurer. The company expects to open up a complete line of electrical goods in Hoquiam, in a few days.

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GOV. COSGROVE RECOVERING GOVERNOR-ELECT MAY BE FIT FOR INAUGURATION.

A Telegram From His Son Says He is in Better Condition Than at Any Time Since Last May. Is Now Able to Talk About His Political Battle.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 15.—In a telegram sent to Eugene Lorton, editor of the Evening Bulletin, from Paso Robles, Howard G. Cosgrove states that his father, S. G. Cosgrove, is nearer himself than he has been at any time since the republican state convention in May. The telegram goes into detail as to his father's condition and is the first authoritative statement sent out from the family. The telegram states that he reached Paso Robles Thursday, having received a message from his mother, Monday, that his father was worse. Howard Cosgrove wires:

"I found that Morday father had not been expected to live twenty-four hours, but that Monday noon he had braced up a little and had held his own until about Thursday noon, when, to the surprise of everyone, including the physicians, one by one the alarming symptoms began to disappear.

"The change for the good has continued steadily, and father today is nearer himself than he has been at any time since he was taken sick following the republican state convention in Spokane last May. He spent much of yesterday talking over the recent political battle in Washington and his plans as the next governor of that state.

"The remarkable change from such a discouraging outlook to such a hopeful one is little short of miraculous and is undoubtedly due to a combination of many things. At all times he has been full of the belief that he would recover and is especially determined to serve the next four years as Washington's governor. Of course, father is still very thin and weak, for he has had a hard campaign with this sickness. It will take some time for him to become as strong as he would wish, but unless some unforeseen recurrent difficulty appears he will soon be walking around Paso Robles a much different man."

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HEAVIEST VOTE IN HISTORY.

Official Returns of Vote for President Gives Taft a Clear Majority Over All.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The total popular vote of the presidential candidates at the last national election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The total shows the following votes cast: Taft, Republican, 7,637,676. Bryan, Democrat, 6,393,182. Debs, Socialist, 448,471. Chafin, Prohibitionist, 241,252. Higgsen, Independence, 83,186. Watson, Populist, 33,871. Gillhaus, Socialist-Labor, 15,421. Total for all candidates, 14,852,239.

This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was 13,510,708. It is also the largest vote cast in the history of the country, though the 1896 and 1900 totals both exceeded that of 1904.

Compared with the election of 1904, the candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties increased their vote this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the Prohibition, Populist and Socialist-Labor parties. The Independence party did not figure in the presidential election four years ago. Taft has a clear majority of all the votes cast.

The biggest difference in a party vote is shown in an increase for Bryan of 1,315,211 over the total vote cast in 1904 for Alton B. Parker, the Democratic candidate. Taft received 14,190 votes more than were polled for President Roosevelt in 1904, and Debs ran 45,368 ahead of his predecessor on the Socialist ticket.

STOLEN MONEY ORDERS.

Caution—Money orders stolen, merchants beware. Money order forms numbered 1401 to 1600 have been stolen from Bellingham (Sta. No. 5) Wash. They will likely be presented to merchants, (especially to clothing stores and saloons) and small purchases will be made, plausible stories told, and when change is procured party will disappear. This will be after postoffice hours and usually Saturday evening or just before holidays. If presented merchants should act quickly, hold party notify police and local postmaster, who will in turn notify me.

C. E. WATLAND.

Postoffice Inspector, Bellingham, Wash.

ROOT WANTS JOB

Depends on Whitewash by Committee to Enable Him to Go Back on Bench.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 15.—That former Supreme Judge Milo A. Root is seriously considering the resumption of his seat on the bench at the beginning of the term for which he was elected November 3, is made here today on unquestionable authority.

Friends of the former justice are now sounding sentiment in high places in the state government and unless strong opposition is found to this course on the part of Judge Root he may be expected to present himself next month to take the oath of office.

Judge Root and his friends, it is stated here, have become convinced that his resignation in the first place was a serious mistake. It is admitted only that he has been guilty of indiscretions in which there was nothing criminal. It is claimed that for these indiscretions Judge Root has been punished enough, and that he will go back on the bench with his eyes opened to the consequences of putting his thoughts in written letters to intimate friends.

It is also claimed that the report of the state bar association will disclose nothing beyond matters of indiscretion and that in fact there is nothing more to be discovered.

FARMING IN SCHOOLS.

Supt-Elect McKillip Proposes to Change Athletic Exercises to Something Useful.

County Superintendent-elect N. D. McKillip, who was in the city Tuesday, says that his proposition to establish manual training, domestic science and agriculture in the schools of the county is meeting with favor and will undoubtedly be taken up and adopted. He estimates that it will cost \$1,000 a year. He believes that the result will be far more practical than a great deal of the work in the schools at the present time.

Mr. McKillip says he is opposed to athletics in the schools for the reason that athletics should be designed to help. For instance, only the pupils who are strong are selected for the work, while the weaker ones who would be benefitted by the exercise are barred. He regards basket ball as detrimental to the morals of girls.

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