

SPEKANE FREIGHT RATE HEARING

Commissioner Prouty, Who Presides, Culling Out useless Repetitions and Technicalities.

RY'S INNINGS TOMORROW.

**Thus Far HUI's Testimony Much the
Most Important, Dealing Chiefly
With Water Competition.**

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 15.—Such rapid progress is being made in taking testimony in the suit of the city of Spokane to compel the railways to lower their freight rates from eastern points that it is believed the hearing before the interstate commerce commissioners will be concluded by tomorrow night so far as this city is concerned. Commissioner C. A. Prouty, who presides, is promptly getting out questions and technicalities. The city may conclude its evidence this afternoon, much of the testimony today being in reference to comparative rates and the distances to which Spokane jobbers can



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St. John, of the Great Northern, gave out a memorandum of a new freight schedule prepared by that road, showing that the rates from the coast to Spokane class rates from the east to Spokane, instead of putting this schedule in force, another was issued in February, 1912, bringing out all the big rates, the greatest cut made being 15 percent.

La Rue Perrine, superintendent of the Spokane Dry Goods company, who handles the Spokane branch of the Puget Sound dry goods were followed by reductions in the prices charged to consumers.

LEAVES NEW YORK HERALD.

New York, Jan. 14.—William C. Reick, for some years president of the New York Herald company, has just returned from New York. He has acquired a substantial interest in the New York Times company, and will hereafter be associated with Adolph S. Ochs, of New York, in the management of the New York

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